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Hafod Care project seeks green light for work

With the Theatre Royal demolition to be decided...

IS THERE HOPE FOR RONDEL REJECTS?

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

HAFOD CARE hopes to reach an agreement with the Vale Council over demolition of the Theatre Royal within the next couple of weeks.

The current building has stood in the town for just over 100 years, and replaced an earlier Theatre Royal structure.

Hafod Care is to build 42 Extra Care flats on the site and the managing director Robert Wathen, said: "We are currently in discussions with the Vale Council to confirm when demolition of the existing building will take place and expect to be able to confirm a timing schedule within the next couple of weeks."

Mr Wathen emphasised that the new facilities would be available to those living outside the development.

"We are also finalising the finer details of the development to ensure it includes a range of facilities that can be used by the wider community as well as the residents themselves.

"For example, we intend to include a day centre which can be used as a meeting place by local residents and community groups.

"There has already been significant demand for places at the Extra Care facility when it opens so we are looking forward to seeing the new building start to take shape over the coming months."

The fact that Hafod Care is making some of the facilities available for wider community use may give the self-styled 'Rondel Rejects' hope.

They are a group of elderly people who used to meet socially at Rondel House, but due to a reorganisation of elderly social care in Barry are meeting at the Master Mariner public house.

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ABOVE: How the new Hafod Extra Care building will look.

'YOU BOYS WILL BE SENT TO THE TOWER OF LONDON!'



ABOVE: Barry Comprehensive School's year-8 pupils recently went to visit the Tower of London. FOR THE FULL REPORT PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 8.

Reduced opening hours at minor injuries unit

THE 'minor injuries unit' based at Barry Hospital, is currently open on a reduced hours basis for a temporary period over the summer, due to staff sickness and maternity leave.

The unit opens at 8.30am and will run until 2pm from Monday to Friday – it had stayed open until 4.30pm.

Cardiff and Vale UHB's divisional director for primary, community and intermediate care, Dr Mark Smithies, said the change to opening hours was a short-term measure only.

"The unit at Barry is a very busy service which deals with a range of patients, who generally have minor ailments and injuries.

"Our first priority is to provide a safe and high quality service for the people of Barry and the Vale more generally.

"Unfortunately, our current staffing situation means that we need to reduce our opening hours for a temporary period over the summer to ensure that level of safety is maintained.

"The revised closing time means that, after 2pm, we will only see and treat patients who are already waiting. If people arrive after 2pm, they will be redirected to other services that may be able to help them; for example, their GP or local pharmacist."

NHS managers say they are examining ways of taking forward the unit in the future.

Rhoose snakes, walkers beware!

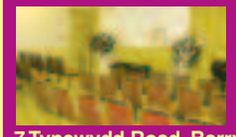
A dog lover from Rhoose contacted The GEM after his spaniel Molly suffered a bite from an adder on the fields adjacent to Fontygary Caravan Park.

Mr Michael Dowdall said that Molly had suffered days of pain following the incident, and he was anxious that the public was made aware of the dangers.

To read the full story, and see how Molly is recovering, please turn to page 5.

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WHAT ABOUT A CINEMA?

WITH reference to the £230m redevelopment of Barry docklands – as a resident of Barry, I have noticed that yet again, the council have missed out a vital facility – 'a cinema'.

Since the closure of our local cinema, we have been left with nothing and going to the cinemas in Cardiff, especially for a family on a low income, is very expensive and at times unaffordable for some.

So I say to the council – include a cinema in your plans and listen to what the people of Barry are telling you they need.

Miss Karen Meredith,
Barry

BLIND LEADING THE BLIND?

I AM writing to congratulate the Vale of Glamorgan Council for getting the award for the bus lane in Dinas Powys – they may also get one in the future for the access road and cycle way (leading to a greener Vale) on the Port Road, Barry entrance to the proposed crematorium.

Surely it would have made sense to create a slip road into the crematorium site and designated carriage ways left to Culverhouse and right to the docks link road, giving traffic an easier flow towards Cardiff and the M4? A narrower but longer cycle path would encourage more people to use this intimidating stretch of road (the one in place now could be dangerous as cyclists rejoin the road).

As usual, the blind must be leading the blind as the authorities have managed to spend public money on white elephants, only to get a pat on the back from people who one must assume have never visited the site.

Any right-minded person can see more congestion and even more spending is going to follow. It would be interesting to know the thinking behind these schemes.

Paul Robertson

Llantwit is looking good!

I WOULD like to commend all the people who have been involved with making Llantwit Major look so nice.

Those who worked on fighting to get the regeneration project started and monitoring the work, which has probably taken much time and patience, deserve a pat on the back.

Thank you all, as the town is now looking great.

A special thanks also to those of you involved with Llanilltyd Fawr in Flower, as Llantwit is now looking really pretty.

I would also like to say what a lovely place this is to live in.

I have heard people running down the town of late and I think it's a shame, as it is not being portrayed in its true light. It is a very friendly place, but if a person lives next door to a pub anywhere in the whole of the UK, it is unlikely to be quiet, or without the occasional problem.

I personally think it's great to see everyone enjoying themselves in the old town centre, and the pubs there were built before most of the residents bought their properties.

The town is quiet in comparison to how it used to be years ago.

I am sure the publicans do their very best to keep the public happy, which is probably not easy.

Eileen Bennett,
Llantwit Major

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'There are better sites for Sainsbury's store'

I FEEL compelled to respond to Mr Hartwell's letter (The GEM July 14) in which he states he finds it 'unbelievable' that Sainsbury's proposal to open a store in Park Crescent, Barry was turned down by the planning committee.

Let us start with his issue about the signing of petitions. People were invited to sign, there was no coercion, arms were not twisted, and threats were not made and if individuals do not have the courage of their conviction to actually stand up and refuse to sign a petition for fear of upsetting local business people, that is their problem.

Secondly, insinuating that the councillors on the planning committee were only out to protect votes was an insult.

Sainsbury's brought revised plans to the table to be considered and after arguments from both sides, a helpful site visit for those who were not familiar with the area and much deliberation, the plans were turned down.

I think those councillors involved should be praised not derided for listening to local residents and standing up for their beliefs against a powerful and wealthy supermarket chain.

The interesting thing here is that the five councillors who voted in favour of the proposal are not residents of Barry, but live in the rural Vale, which in itself speaks volumes doesn't it?

But the main point of this issue and the one that has been worrying most people that Mr Hartwell doesn't even think deserves a mention, is safety.

Whatever you may think, Romilly Primary School which is situated directly opposite the proposed site, plays a very active part in this area of the town.

Park Crescent, as residents know, is always teeming with traffic and although Sainsbury's plan to knock down Torque Tools and create a car park looks good on paper, in practical terms it is not so cut and dried.

Children of all ages, some of which are unaccompanied would be walking to and from school across the mouth of the proposed car park. Plus, there was a plan for a small dedicated right hand turn for traffic approaching the store from the Jenner and Pontypridd Road direction that would cause yet more congestion at the newly installed Puffin crossing lights, which are already mistrusted by many parents.

I don't think anyone is totally against the idea of Sainsbury's coming to Barry, but not opposite a large and busy school.

There are plenty of alternative sites where Sainsbury's could be an asset to the community and less of a risk to children; for instance, the old ski shop on Cardiff Road, or even as part of the proposed new development on the Waterfront.

Greater choice and competition within the town is necessary and healthy, but at the Park Crescent site, which is it to be – selecting items from a well-stocked supermarket shelf, or the protection of a vulnerable child's life?

The choice is yours.

Joy Strangward,
Penarth

(SEE MORE LETTERS ON PAGE 11)

Please put the building back!

THANK YOU for the coverage you gave my letter concerning the demolition of a very large part of the RAF St Athan camp site.

The work is continuing even at weekends, so they must be in a hurry to get it all done and dusted before public concern brings it to a halt.

If my memory serves me right when the announcement was made that the Academy was not going to go ahead, it was made clear that this was a final decision and non reversible.

One of the reasons for making this statement was that they wanted it to be made clear before any of the intended demolition work takes place.

At the present time, they are in the process of demolishing a large two-storey building that I think used to be the sports complex.

Maybe the MoD did not receive, or if they did, failed to read the statement – because the camp is now looking like a vast open space ready for redevelopment.

Perhaps they should be told the Academy is not going to go ahead and would they please put all the buildings back!

I wonder if the vast unused new hangars could be offered to the London Olympics as a wet weather alternative for track and field?

They are certainly big enough and already paid for by the cash-strapped public.

WE Henderson
Eglwys Brewis
(*See latest news of developments at St Athan elsewhere in this issue).*

Puzzled over a quotation

WHILE I agree with the points raised by Gwenno Huws, former deputy head of Ysgol St Baruc, in her condemnation of the appalling decision by the Vale Council not to name the new Welsh Medium School "Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor' (The GEM, July 7), I am puzzled by her penultimate paragraph.

I quote: "*It is said that society can be judged by the way it treats its children..*"

By whom was this said? What is the source, or who is the source of this quotation?

I do recall Tony Smythe, then general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties (now Liberty) making a speech in 1971 in London in which he said "*Society can be judged by the way it treats its unpopular minorities*" but there was no reference to children.

Perhaps, through your letters column, I may be allowed to pose this question to Ms Huws, and I look forward to her response.

Christopher Short
(*Former executive member of the National Council for Civil Liberties (Liberty*)

Lady of the road

ON Wednesday, July 13 at 11am, the 1.45pm bus from Bridgend to Llantwit Major gave up the ghost at Broughton.

Two 'elderly' gentlemen, one Canadian and one Scot, decided to walk to their destinations and try the old thumb method.

Sadly, the thumb had been out of service for years, but thankfully '*the Lady from Broughton*' arrived and took the two gentlemen to St Donats and Llantwit respectively.

Lady from Broughton, many thanks for going out of your way to assist the two above. Your gracious act was greatly appreciated.

Thomas Candlish, Llantwit Major

Calling choir members

WERE you a member of the church choir of St Paul's Barry, in the 1980s?

If you were, your young organist and choirmaster of those days would love to meet you again when he visits St Paul's Church for the morning service, next Sunday, July 24.

In 1980, the teenage Brian Taylor was a brilliant young organist who came to St. Paul's to become organist and choir master and built the choir to a total of some 20 members.

Brian is now a priest in the Rhondda Valley but is returning to St. Paul's for just this one Sunday morning – his first visit since his days as choir master.

Brian will be delighted to see many of his old friends and choir members from those days at St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning at 10am.

Terry Sylvester, Barry

GEM SPEEDS THINGS UP!

FOLLOWING your recent article about broadband speeds in the Vale, I contacted BT yet again to complain about my download speed, which had dropped from 1.8MB to a miserable 1.4 MB in the last year.

I mentioned the interest being taken by The GEM and our MP, Alun Cairns.

In the past, these sweet-talking overseas call centre advisors have offered me the earth, but provided nothing, apart from socket accelerators which did not fit.

This time, within 48 hours, a most pleasant BT broadband booster engineer came to the house and spent a few hours changing sockets and making two trips to the local Southerndown exchange, where he also swapped lines in some way.

Lo and behold, I now have a speed of 4.4 MB which according to uswitch.com is the fastest in the area.

Thank you for prompting me to persist in getting improvement.

Dr Robert Balfour Ogmore-by-Sea

Vale Council and defence of White Farm decision

THE Vale Council's planning committee deferred its reasons to reject the White Farm development because the arguments will be crucial in defending any appeal from the developer.

It is essential that the formal reasons are robust, but I suspect it is going to be difficult for council officials to put them forward since they recommended acceptance of the proposals.

After listening to the committee debate, there seems to be two fundamental themes raised.

Firstly, the proposals conflict with the development plan and the factors to justify this departure from policy were not identified.

The proposed area for housing development was 11,000 sq metres more than the plan; the area for open space was 5,000 sq metres less, and the density of dwellings exceeded the development plan.

The council official's reasoning seemed to amount to the scheme being 'acceptable in principle' together with the frequent use of words in the report suggesting that the plan was indicative and approximate.

The second basic theme is public concern.

This will be more difficult to successfully argue because the whole planning process seems weighted against objectors.

However, Welsh Government planning policy does say that the perceived fears of the public should be taken into account in determining whether a development would affect the area and that those fears could be a good reason to refuse planning permission.

The concerns of the public raised included over development, increased traffic, drainage and the proposed substantial earthworks to the open space.

The council now needs the strongest case and representation to successfully defend the planning committee's decision.

Dennis Harkus
(FocusBARRY supporter)

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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21 Thur	11.52	8.6		
22 Fri	00.07	8.7	12.27	8.3
23 Sat	00.48	8.2	13.06	7.9
24 Sun	01.33	7.9	14.01	7.6
25 Mon	02.33	7.5	15.11	7.4
26 Tues	03.53	7.3	16.36	7.6
27 Wed	05.14	7.7	17.47	8.1
28 Thur	06.16	8.5	18.38	8.7

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POPPY APPEAL VETERANS GRAHAM AND BARBARA ARE GUESTS AT THE PALACE!

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

BARRY'S popular Poppy Appeal veterans, Graham Davies and his wife Barbara, were invited up to a Buckingham Palace garden party this week.

The invitation by the Queen was in recognition of the couple's sterling efforts in raising thousands of pounds for the Royal British Legion.

Every year, Graham (77) and Barbara (68) are a familiar site at Waitrose store in the town.

Graham said: "We don't know who recommended us for the garden party, but we want to thank them.

"We were thrilled. We were contacted by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan Colin Jones who asked if we were available on July 19."

Each year, Graham and Barbara do a two week run up to Remembrance Sunday.

Graham said: "We have done the Poppy Appeal for seven years at Waitrose, and the preceding year when the site was Safeways.

"Waitrose staff always make us feel so welcome."

Barbara said: "When I heard of the invitation, the first thought I had was: I need a new hat and dress."

Graham and Barbara travelled up on Monday, attended the garden party on Tuesday, followed by an overnight stay in a London hotel, and travelled back yesterday.

Graham's association with the Royal British Legion is due to the fact that he did national service with the Royal Artillery in Germany from 1954 - 56.

In recent years, he has noticed that due to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan younger people are showing strong support for the Poppy Appeal because they understand its significance.

Each year, Graham and Barbara set themselves a £5,000 minimum target which they always achieve, sometimes beating the figure by hundreds of pounds. It means that over the years they have topped £40,000 in donations.

This year, as ever, they will 'report for duty' in November – and will be seen behind their patriotic stand in the lead up to Remembrance Day on November 13.



ABOVE: Graham and Barbara Davies were garden party guests at Buckingham Palace this week in recognition of their support for the Poppy Appeal.

Man damaged door after going to wrong house

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A BARRY man who damaged a door after getting drunk, was given a conditional discharge for six months at Cardiff Crown Court, and ordered to pay £41 compensation.

Mark Walker (20) unemployed of Michaelston Close, Barry, pleaded guilty before Vale magistrates to causing damage and was committed to the crown court for sentence.

He was also in breach of a 12 months suspended sentence for the offence of burglary.

Recorder Hugh Rees ordered that the sentence continue and said that Walker must also carry out 120 hours unpaid work.

Prosecutor John Probert said that on June 15, a couple were at home in Gatehouse Road, Barry, when Walker began kicking at a door.

Walker was arrested and said he had no idea why he had gone to the house.

The burglaries, said Mr Probert, occurred in Crossways Street and Dunlin Court, Barry.

His solicitor, Adam Sharp, said: "When he caused the damage, he had been drinking heavily and was in a confused state.

"He went to the wrong house, believing it was the home of his uncle. It was a reckless act, after which he immediately burst into tears."

Mr Sharp said he was an immature person and had attended special schools.

"Sadly, his mother died last year and he took solace in alcohol. He acknowledges there is a drink problem."

Snake danger in local field says dog owner -
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VALE MP Alun Cairns has welcomed news of an expansion of military operations at St Athan – although details are shrouded in secrecy.

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

The news came out as part of a review of defence spending conducted by Defence Secretary Liam Fox MP, and Mr Cairns was understandably keen to look on the bright side, because Mr Fox's announcement effectively killed off any chance of the Defence Technical College ever arriving – even in a reduced form.

Mr Fox indicated that RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire was now the preferred location for technical training.

Exact details of what is planned for St Athan are vague, because of security issues, but it is understood that around 1,000 posts are involved.

Again, figures on how many would 'transfer in' and how many would be created at St Athan are not available.

It is thought that an existing Special Forces Support Group at the base will be expanded, and perhaps similar units may be posted to St Athan.

Mr Cairns described the expansion as an exciting development that "changes the direction of the base".

He said that in a private meeting, Liam Fox explained the details around the proposals that relate to the Special Forces Support Group based at the site.

The Defence Secretary told Mr Cairns that the nature of the activities meant that only limited information could be shared publicly, although the outcome was very positive for the community.

Mr Cairns insisted: "There will be a significant expansion on the site and it will become a centre of excellence for Special Forces Support."

Mr Cairns continued: "It is unfortunate that the nature of Special Forces means that only limited information is made public.

"As a result, I am delighted that the Secretary of State has agreed to come to speak to community leaders to explain in more detail the expansion of operations at the site."

Mr Cairns added, "St Athan will be seen in the same light as Hereford is to the SAS.

It is reported that the Special Forces Support Group is a Special Operations unit of the British Armed Forces and is the newest addition to the UK's Special Forces.

It works with the SAS and the SBS and could provide diversionary tactics or protective cordons on operations.

Mr Cairns continued: "It is clear that the original plans for a single training college were simply unaffordable and the reduction in the Armed Forces could always question its long term viability.

"There is an important, positive budgetary implication for St Athan, in that even within this financial climate the budget for Special Forces has been protected and even enhanced in some areas.

"This is great news and I am aware of significant investment that has already taken place on the site.

"Naturally, if anyone locally has any questions about this, I hope they will get in touch."

The Vale Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, told The GEM that he was encouraged that St Athan was expanding at a time when the MoD was making cutbacks.

He said: "I look forward to meeting Liam Fox when he comes to the Vale to talk to local community leaders and give more details."

CCTV arrests

CCTV in the Vale, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with four arrests and one ASBO referral in Barry in the week ending July 17.

It contacted the police on 17 occasions. On July 16, two arrests were made concerning handling of counterfeit money, and another arrest was made on July 17at Holton Road, Barry. Also on July 17, an arrest was made for alleged assault on Broad Street.

The ASBO referral took place on Paget Road, Barry Island on July 12.

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Adders in field at Rhoose spell 'a real danger'

– warns local pet lover

A PET lover from Rhoose has issued an urgent warning to people in the Vale to beware of snakes in a local field after his dog was bitten and suffered days of pain.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN



LEFT: Michael with Molly, who suffered days of pain after being bitten by an adder in the fields in Rhoose.

Michael Dowdall, of Fontygary Road, told The GEM that he likes to give his dogs Molly and Suzy a run in the field next to Fontygary Caravan Park, which people are drawn to because of the magnificent views across the Bristol Channel.

But on July 13, Molly was the victim of a snake attack.

Michael explained: "On the Wednesday morning, I came through the field with the two dogs and reached the path.

"Suddenly, Molly started struggling and her right back leg became paralysed."

Michael and the two dogs managed to get home, but he was aware that something serious had happened.

"An examination of her belly and groin area showed redness and swelling."

He took Molly, a 14-month-old cocker spaniel, to Pethertons, the vets in Barry.

"She was distressed and in pain, breathing quickly and crying a lot."

A treatment programme of fluids through the body, steroids, and anti-biotics was prescribed. No vet in Cardiff had anti-venom, and it was deemed unsafe to take Molly to Swansea, where the treatment was available, due to her perilous condition.

She was looked after overnight at Valley Vets in Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, and put on an intravenous drip.

"They shaved her leg and discovered two fang marks – earlier, only one had been found."

Gwynneth, Michael's wife, feared the worst.

"She fought and fought for her life. Her foot swelled up to twice its normal size."

But Molly battled through and although on Friday she was still bleeding, due to the puncture marks, there were signs of an improvement.

Michael pointed out that although there were signs warning of snakes on coalboard land near Aberthaw Power Station, there were no signs in the fields next to the caravan park.

"This is a well known dog walking area and I want people to be aware of the dangers.

"I saw a chap with two children in the field. Obviously, he was oblivious to the risks.

"I won't be going there in the summer anymore. In the winter, it should be safe because the adders will be hibernating.

"They tend to come out when it's warm because they get energy from the sun.

"At the very least, I'd tell people to stay to the paths worn in the field.

"Our neighbour has since told us that the previous owner of our house had a dog that was bitten and died by the time it had made it back to the bridge."

Michael wonders whether the adder that struck out at Molly had become agitated because the fields had been cut the previous day.

So far, the treatment for Molly has cost £800, but Michael and Gwynneth are huge dog lovers and were more than happy to pay the costs. In due course, they should be able to recoup the outlay because of an insurance policy they took out a number of years ago.

Molly has how recovered, to the point where she is able to play tentatively with Suzy, her West Highland terrier companion, although she tends to hop around on three legs rather than run about on four!

'Mews' style housing in Dinas Powys?

A planning application has been proposed in Dinas Powys – which would turn a former village hall into an exclusive mews development.

WKD Developments Ltd would like to transform the former Wesley Court centre in Station Road.

The developers propose: "*Replacement of former village hall building with gated residential mews development comprising six four bed semi-detached; two three storey houses; and two two bed apartments in a single two storey building. All with private car parking and amenity space.***"**

If Vale councillors give consent for the new houses to go ahead, it will be the second housing development to go up in the area in a short time.

Builders have just started making preparations for luxury houses to be built on St Andrews Road, at the far end of Dinas Powys common.

GIDEONS MEET THE VALE'S CIVIC LEADERS



THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun John Clifford, hosted a reception at the Town Hall, Barry for Gideons International to present Bibles to local civic leaders.

In the photograph *(above)* together with the Mayor are the four town mayors, plus the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Huw Butler and Mr Gareth Rees, Chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Gideons.

The Vale of Glamorgan branch of the Gideons is part of the worldwide association which became established in the UK in 1949.

They began in the USA in 1899 when three commercial travellers formed an association of Christian businessmen to encourage each other in their Christian faith, and to spread knowledge of God through personal evangelism. They chose the name Gideons after an Old Testament leader.

Today, almost 290,000 members work in 192 countries distributing more than 80 million copies of the bible in 93 different languages.

Oak Field pupils are praised



ABOVE: The winning pupils

THREE talented pupils at Oak Field Primary School were successful in a recent competition run by Trading Standards.

They entered the national Playsafe competition, where they had to design a safe toy.

The competition was judged by Trading Standards officers and our entries were 'highly commended'.

They noted that for two prizes to be awarded to the same school in such a nationwide competition showed the excellent standard of work produced by pupils.

All three pupils won a giftcard voucher and their entries can be seen at www.tradingstandards.gov.uk. Well done to all three of them.

Sarah Di Tomaso (Assistant headteacher)

Cycling clampdown

POLICE in Penarth have issued a warning about increasing problems caused by people cycling upon the pavements in the town centre.

The warning comes after a number of adults and teenagers have been seen cycling at speed along the pavements.

This resulted on one occasion in a 78-year-old man almost being knocked over.

PC Huw Longman from Penarth Police station, said: "We are not talking about young children cycling under the supervision of an adult, but older children, teenagers and adults, who are cycling at speed along the pavements in an area used by large amounts of pedestrians."

"I am appealing to those who cycle in the town centre to use the roadway or cycle path where appropriate."

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HOSPITAL PATIENT WENT 'BERSERK' – COURT TOLD

Nurses intimidated by 'psychotic' behaviour which lasted an hour

A HOSPITAL patient who suffered a psychotic episode has been given a community order for 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

by AJ SICLUNA

Adam Evans (30) of Glan Ffornwg, Bridgend, had gone berserk in the Princess of Wales Hospital, terrifying patients and staff, said prosecutor David Pugh.

Evans, who was at the hospital as an in-patient for treatment to a facial injury, admitted a charge of affray.

The community order involves a supervision order for 18 months, a mental health treatment requirement for a year, and a substance abuse programme.

Judge Neil Bidder said that at the time a combination of cannabis and alcohol had affected Evans' mental health.

He said that if Evans' condition was not dealt with, he would pose a potential danger.

Mr Pugh said that on November 17 last year, Evans was a patient in the hospital and appeared to be behaving in a paranoid fashion.

He said he had "X-Ray hearing" and could hear the staff talking about him.

He became animated and nurses became intimidated.

He shouted: "You make sure you tell the rest of the staff what I said. I want you to line them up."

Nurses began to keep their distance from Evans, who insisted he was not a bad person.

Security staff tried to reason with him when he picked up a fire extinguisher and said: "I am going to kill someone with this. I am going to hit someone over the head with it."

At that point he picked up a zimmer frame and broke it.

Police arrived and he told them: "You are all out to get me" and he threatened officers with a heart rate monitor machine before being subdued.

The incident, said Mr Pugh, lasted an hour.

The judge said that what occurred was a psychotic episode.

The court heard that Evans had convictions for causing actual bodily harm, possessing a bladed article, and assault and offences connected with drugs.

Waiting lists for heroin treatment cut

TREATMENT waiting lists for heroin users have been eradicated in the Vale thanks to a joint initiative from the Safer Vale Partnership and local substance misuse agencies.

The Opiate Prescribing Pilot Project was launched in May 2010 to tackle waiting times of up to 26 weeks.

"By offering rapid access to treatment and support, Safer Vale hopes to reduce the impact of substance misuse on the wider community," a spokesperson explained.



NIGEL HEADS OFF TO POLICE AFGHAN CAPITAL

LEFT: Chief Inspector Nigel Lewis, ready and waiting to leave in his official uniform.

IN 28 years at South Wales Police, Chief Inspector Nigel Lewis has done most things – but this time he's landed himself a very different challenge.

On July 8, he left Wales for Afghanistan to join a European policing mission to oversee improvements to policing in Kabul.

Nigel, who lives in Ogmore Vale, but has served as a Chief Inspector in Rhondda Cynon Taff for the last four years, will be based at a secure compound in the Afghan capital for the next 12 months.

After a national recruitment drive, Nigel was selected by the UK Stabilisation Unit (part of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ministry of Defence and the Department for International Development).

He'll take up position as head of the 'City Police and Justice Programme', and will be expected to introduce a neighbourhood policing style to the Afghan National Police Service.

Nigel, whose own father was a policeman whose work also took him around the world to the Caribbean and West Africa, said: "I have many years as an officer under my belt, and I intend to take it all to Afghanistan so that it can benefit others at this time of need.

"Some people think I am mad for even contemplating the role, but I am a 'glass half full' sort of person and while I accept the scale of the challenge, I'm really excited to be able to add my weight to what are very important, historical efforts which will ultimately help to ensure peace back home in the UK.

"I suppose I am doing this for the same reasons I joined the service back in 1983. I wanted to serve the community and stop the bad guys back then, and that's pretty much what I'll be doing in Afghanistan.

"If I can translate some of the success we've had with neighbourhood policing in south Wales into another setting, then I will consider my job well done."

For 12 months Nigel will be based at a secure compound and his every movement will be under constant protection. Only last week, news flashes of suicide bombings in the capital were beamed across the world.

He leaves his wife and two sons back in Wales. On missing his home comforts, and on the relative danger which confronts him, he explained: "My wife Lisa is very supportive, and I am immensely proud of my sons who are young men now and leading their own lives.

"Of course I will miss them, but in this day and age it isn't so difficult to keep in touch and I'm sure the time will go very quickly.

"This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. I take great comfort in thinking that somehow my efforts to disrupt the bad guys and keep Afghan people safe, will ultimately help keep my home soil and everyone I know and cherish safe too."

Nigel will be part of the UK Government's Stabilisation Unit which draws together expertise in diplomacy, defence and development to help countries at risk of, or already affected by, conflict.

The role is funded in its entirety by the UK Government conflict pool.

'Andrew gave so much to youth of Llantwit'

IT was with sadness that I learnt of the passing of Andrew Ireland, and the tribute paid by Peter Morris in The GEM last week brought back many memories of my links with Andrew.

For many years at Llantwit Major School, both Andrew and I spent our evenings coaching young people – Andrew introduced athletics to hundreds of youngsters in the town with his after-school coaching sessions, which stretched long into the evening, while I was busy coaching football to a group of children.

I had a great admiration for Andrew, who stayed on after his working day at school to spend hours with the young people, and he developed many fine athletes at Llantwit Major and found support from many parents who shared his enthusiasm.

It was a sad day for all the youth at Llantwit Major and athletics in the Vale, when Andrew moved on to train for the Ministry to become a Baptist Minister, and he was sorely missed in the athletics world.

Andrew was an inspiration to all who knew him and his devotion to athletics rubbed off on all those he coached. While I have not spoken to Andrew for a long time, his memory will always be in my thoughts, as the man who gave so much to the young athletes of Llantwit Major.

Gwyn John, Llantwit Major

Eisteddfod boot sale

A CAR boot sale held at the beginning of this month at Barry Comprehensive School was so successful that the organisers are planning another for Saturday, July 30.

The event is organised by the Barry National Eisteddfod Fund Raising Committee in advance of the visit by this massive event to the Vale of Glamorgan in August 2012.

A member of the committee, Tim Pearce, said: "We were very heartened by the response from vendors taking part in the car boot sale on July 2."

The car boot sale takes place at Barry Comprehensive School, Port Road West, Barry, from 10am-2pm on Saturday, July 30. Vendors should arrive at 9am in order to set up – first come, first served. The fee for vendors is £5 for cars and £8 for vans.

Police point to improved figures on local crime

THE latest Home Office crime figures show the streets of Bridgend and the Vale are staying safe, with a 6.4 per cent drop in crime across the region.

Crime figures for the 12-month period up to March 31, 2011 released by the Home Office last week, reveal there were 1,035 fewer victims of crime in Central Division compared to the previous year.

A police spokesman said: "There have been notable reductions in key areas such as violent crime, car crime and burglary.

"The biggest drop was in the number of thefts of motor vehicles which fell by 21.9 per cent or 96 fewer thefts.

"The number of robberies has significantly dropped by 15.2 per cent, resulting in seven less incidents, while criminal damage has also reduced by 14.5 per cent with 560 fewer offences."

Superintendent Paul James of South Wales Police Central Division said: "Crime continues to fall across Bridgend and the Vale but this could not be achieved without the continued support of our communities.

"They play a major part in helping us to drive down crime by providing vital information to the police and standing up to be counted to bring offenders to justice."

He added that the Vale and Bridgend County Borough Councils are essential partners and contributors to the continued good news in Central Division.

Supt James added: "The combined challenge for us is to maintain this performance but also to reassure the residents of Bridgend and the Vale that they are living in safe communities."

He continued: "Police officers and staff predominantly live and work in their own communities and we are working with the local service boards to develop even closer levels of cooperation and teamwork to maintain these improvements."

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How the Assembly is planning to put its '*powers for a purpose*' into effect

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM

(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

OVER the past 12 years, those of us who have been fortunate to have been elected to serve in the National Assembly for Wales have been determined to make our role and presence worthwhile and meaningful for the people of Wales.

We have sought to develop policies and allocate our resources to best effect, to support the social and economic renewal of Wales.

We have worked in partnership with local government, business, and above all – with the people and communities who need strong and effective government.

This has led us to invest in our most disadvantaged communities, to promote universal benefits such as free bus passes and free prescriptions, to invest in 'flying start' for children in our most needy families and to tackle inequalities in health, education and the provision of public services.

We have doubled our budget since 1999 and we have protected these services, including social services, in the most challenging of times with the recent cuts to our budget by the UK Coalition Government.

To underpin the policies, programmes and budgets of the devolved Welsh Government, we have sought to promote our own legislative powers, without having to seek permission from Westminster to do so.

When we were making the case for a 'yes' vote in the referendum in March this year, we made the case by talking about 'powers for a purpose'.

We wanted to show that if we had the powers to pass our own Welsh laws, they would make a difference to the prospects of people, communities and businesses in Wales.

Well, we won the argument in the referendum campaign and we secured the powers we needed to pass our own laws – and last week the First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, presented the first full Welsh Government's legislative programme.

He started his statement by saying: "It is with great pleasure that I announce the Welsh Government's legislative programme for the next five years, when this government will be doing its utmost to improve public services and create opportunities for everyone."

The headlines for new Welsh laws corresponded with our programme of government with the announcement of a sustainable development bill, setting Wales apart as a sustainable nation, leading from the front.

Introducing a duty to provide cycle routes will be widely welcomed, particularly by Sustrans, with a duty to be put on local authorities to provide and maintain cycle paths in key areas.

New heritage, environment and planning bills were also announced. The Environment Bill will legislate on the amount of land to be used for allotments, to ensure a minimum standard across Wales.

The demand for allotments is rising up the agenda in the Vale and it is welcome to see the new focus on these issues in the Creative Rural Communities Plan.

I am planning a meeting with local people and partners in the western Vale shortly to progress these allotment opportunities but legislation will help make this a priority.

With the richness of heritage of my constituency, a Bill to help us protect historic assets will be welcome.

In his statement, the First Minister referred to the opportunities by saying: "There is currently a wide range of controls to help protect historic assets but they have been in place for many years and would benefit from streamlining and modernisation."

There will be consultation about how we can best reflect the heritage needs of Wales prior to a Bill being introduced.

Better life chances for our young people will be welcomed across Wales with a Children's and Young Person's Bill and a Social Services Bill to protect vulnerable people.

With the pressing need to provide more affordable housing, a new housing Bill will be welcomed to help build on the three strategic priorities identified in our national housing strategy – improving the quality and supply of housing as well as services for homeless people.

The introduction of a Domestic Abuse Bill will place a duty on relevant public sector bodies to have a a domestic abuse and violence against women strategy in place, which will be welcomed by Atal y Fro, our Women's Aid group in the Vale.

As well as Bills to help protect and promote health, simplify and improve government and improve collaboration between local authorities, there will be legislation to put compacts with the voluntary sector on a legislative footing with the Statutory Third Sector Compacts Bill.

For county voluntary bodies across Wales like our VCVS in the Vale, this will provide a legislative base for their effective relationships and partnerships with local government and their partners.

The First Minister called on all political parties represented in the Assembly to play their part in working together with the Welsh Government to find consensus where possible, developing "distinctive Welsh policies for the betterment of the communities we each serve".

All speakers in the debate recognised the importance of this statement and there was a positive response to the call for a constructive engagement with the legislative process over the next five years.

These are 'powers for a purpose' and will be a test of the new phase of devolution supported by the majority of those who voted in the referendum in March leading up to the May elections which found us back in Government, to continue to serve you, to the best of our ability and endeavour.

'DESPICABLE' ACTIONS OF HANDYMAN WHO CONNED 86-YEAR-OLD BARRY WOMAN – *report by AJ SICLUNA*

A HANDYMAN who conned a highly vulnerable 86-year-old woman from Barry out of thousands of pounds, has been jailed for 16 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Jason Hicks (34) took part in "a confidence fraud" over a significant period of time, said Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones.

He told him: "Over a period of years, you were befriended by an elderly lady who, very obviously, was extremely vulnerable.

"She befriended you and treated you as a grandson. Over a period of years, she loaned you money.

"But despite that, you treated her despicably by stealing from her £8,290 by telling her blatant lies.

"It was repeated and repeated and I can't think of behaviour more despicable to an old lady who befriended you."

Hicks, of Aberystwyth Street, Cardiff, admitted five charges of obtaining money by deception.

Prosecutor Heath Edwards said: "This case involves the cynical exploitation of the trust of 86-year-old Marjorie Gumbley."

For 12 years, said Mr Edwards, she lived at Howard Court, Barry. Her health deteriorated and she became largely housebound.

Seven years ago, Hicks befriended her. But on many occasions, he obtained loans on a fraudulent basis.

Altogether, said Mr Edwards, Hicks obtained £8,290 dishonestly. To pay him, she even remortgaged the property and obtained bank overdrafts.

Hicks obtained a £4,700 loan to pay solicitors' fees for a divorce, but he never had a solicitor.

A £500 loan was for patio work which was never completed.

A £1,330 loan was for dental work which was never done, and a £970 loan was to repay debts to his ex-wife, which did not exist.

He also obtained £820 for court costs, which had been written off.

Matters came to light when Mrs Gumbley's daughter and bank manager became concerned about her financial affairs.

Two years ago, Hicks said he was going into the Welsh Guards, and contact ceased, but a year later, he returned to the scene. Mrs Gumbley's daughter went to the police, and Hicks' dishonesty was revealed.

Mike Hammett, Hicks' counsel, said: "Much of the money was legitimately obtained. He had been a handyman for a significant time, which in some ways aggravates this breach of trust."

He said that Hicks didn't victimise Mrs Gumbley, who had, previously been a victim of Lottery scams.

Mr Hammett said Hicks was of good character and wanted to repay the money.

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IT was a day of fun at Beryl Road Welsh Nursery fete in Barry, when youngsters enjoyed a bouncy castle, fire truck rides, and lucky dips.

"Staff and committee members would like to thank all the parents and friends who turned out to support the day and make it so special.

"Special thanks go to the all the local businesses that have supported us this year and contributed to the raffle prizes," a spokeswoman said.



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BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL NEWS

Pupils sent to the Tower - but manage to escape!



Year-8 pupils were given a tour and presentation by an actor in full period costume.

LAST month, 29 year-8 pupils from Barry Comprehensive School took part in what will hopefully be the first annual history department trip to the Tower of London.

As part of their visit, the boys were given a tour and presentation by an actor in full period costume. The presentation focused on the contentious issue of religion during Tudor times.

The boys were taken to some of the prison cells that held people prior to their executions, some still bearing their names and messages carved into the walls.

The pupils also got a glimpse of the Crown Jewels and a fantastic display of armour and weaponry, some of which was worn and used by Henry VIII and Charles I.

Many of the boys commented that the trip had really brought to life the stories and characters they had studied in class.

Miss Byfield would like to thank Miss Thompson, Mrs Lander, Mr Jones and Mr Thomas who gave up their time to participate in this trip.

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Archbishop praises school's extension

PROUD pupils gave the Archbishop of Wales a tour of their newly-extended school this week and showed how they now have twice as much room in which to learn and play.



Archbishop Barry with headteacher Richard Ware and Fr Adrian Berry, chair of governors

The Archbishop, Dr Barry Morgan, visited All Saints Church in Wales Primary School in Barry on Wednesday (July 6) to dedicate the extension, which has been planned since 2004 and has cost £860,000.

As soon as he arrived, pupils showed him the new facilities which include an IT suite with 30 computers, an outside 'faith garden' designed in the shape of a Celtic cross, an outdoor gym, a vegetable patch where the pupils grow their own lunches, a 'den' where they have extra support lessons, a bigger and brighter hall where they can all meet for assemblies and concerts and – for the first time – rooms for each class so that they no longer have to share for lessons.

The Archbishop then joined all the pupils, teachers, governors and friends of the school for a Service of Dedication.

It was, he said, the second time he had been to All Saints to dedicate an extension – he had opened the nursery extension six years ago.

He said: "This is now a fantastic school and you are very lucky. But what really makes any school is not the building but its spirit – how we care for each other and look after each other, reaching out to one another and it's clear to me that this is a very happy school."

Headteacher Richard Ware paid tribute to the many people who had made the extension possible, including the teachers who, he said, had managed to keep up their high standards during all the building disruption.

He said: "Our school motto sums it up – *'As many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school'*. This extension is a wonderful job and has given us room to breathe – the children are no longer squashed into small, open plan classes but have proper class rooms of their own.

"There is no doubt that it has had an impact on the quality of teaching, raising our standards even higher. We are also indebted to our parents, who raised money for IT equipment, which helped us achieve the prestigious BECTA Quality Mark for Excellence in ICT."



Archbishop Barry at the new IT suite

Cinema demolition

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Coun Margaret Alexander, who has championed their cause, said the Extra Care facility may provide a solution in the long term.

However, she pointed out: "Two years is a long time to wait for people who are elderly.

"I have visited Hafod Care facilities and they are very good, and include things like a restaurant and hairdresser's.

"It will be good to have facilities in the town centre, but where should people go over the next two years?"

Not all the people who have attended Rondel House have been happy to meet in a pub. One woman said that 'bingo and chips' did not appeal to her because she liked arts and crafts, and that her social life had been severely curtailed.

The GEM asked the Vale Council whether the new Hafod facility might help those who used to meet in Rondel House in the long term

Carys Lord, the head of business management and innovation, community care and health services at the council, said: "The council will continue to provide day services at Rondel House in Barry for older people who have been assessed as needing help from social services.

"We are also working with other service providers, such as Hafod Care, to increase the range of more preventative services available to other people who need less intensive help to remain as independent as possible."



VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Exciting plans taking shape at MoD St Athan

EARLIER this week, I received a call from the Secretary of State for Defence, Liam Fox. He wanted to discuss his proposals for St Athan.

The Minister shared details of some exciting plans for the site with a significant expansion in operations.

There is a difficulty, however, in that the nature of the operations means that many of the details cannot be made public.

This could cause concern in the local area; therefore, I thought it only right that community leaders such as chairmen of community councils and others be told a little more detail.

This would hopefully, reassure local residents that nothing untoward was happening and also highlight how the community would benefit from the plans.

As a result, I asked the Secretary of State if he would agree to meet the community leaders to explain the plans, naturally within parameters, to which he readily agreed. I will press for a date as soon as possible.

I am extremely pleased at the outcome for the site. The financial climate means that many RAF and Army bases are to be closed around the country.

The proposals for a single-site training college are simply unaffordable.

RAF Lyneham will receive some training but nowhere near the scale originally envisaged.



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

On a financial level, it is worth mentioning that budgets for the Special Forces have been protected and some enhanced.

This means that St Athan and the plans for expansion there will benefit from greater security in spending.

I recently visited the site and heard of the type of activities that they are already involved in. They really are cutting edge operations.

The SAS are based at Hereford and the town holds them in awe.

The recovery of hostages from the Libyan Embassy secured our admiration.

The Special Forces Support Group is also a Special Forces unit and we should also think of the SFSG in the same way.

I am sure that the SFSG will be involved in a high-profile operation one day that will also secure the nation's admiration and be held in the highest esteem.

MOVEMENT IN ST ATHAN WATER SAGA



Mr Curnow with Alun Cairns, MP.

VALE MP Alun Cairns met Mr Ron Curnow, a member of the East Vale Residents Company to celebrate their success in securing the transfer of the private sewer and lateral drains that serves homeowners in the area, to the control of Welsh Water.

Residents have been trying to tackle the control of this issue for several years, and the Vale MP has worked with Mr Curnow and residents for some time in their bid to transfer the responsibility of their water supply from a private company and the MoD to Welsh Water, which should reduce costs for all.

The East Vale Residents Company has now received confirmation that Welsh Water will become responsible for the sewerage and lateral drains for residents of the estate in St Athan from October 1.

Mr Cairns said: "I was delighted to hear from Ron Curnow that, at long last, the issue and significant costs of the sewerage removal for all the residents on East Vale estate will now be resolved.

"Welsh Water will now be able to ensure that each property can be billed individually for their waste water services."

He continued: "I know that the residents are also keen to be able to receive their water supply directly from Welsh Water, rather than through the base dependency service through the MoD.

"I shall be putting pressure on both the MoD and the Welsh Government to hold to their previous commitment of helping to fund the mains requisition – which has been estimated by Welsh Water at a cost of £226,000," Mr Cairns vowed.

Beach plans are revealed by club

PENYBONT Surf Life Saving Club has unveiled ambitious plans to develop community facilities at Ogmore-by-Sea.

The club feels that the plan could 'kill two birds with one stone' because it has long been an issue in the village that there is no community hall.

Nev White, the treasurer of the club, told The GEM that if the plans came to fruition, a much-needed lifeguard club building could include a meeting room where local groups, and voluntary organisations could meet.

The club is also aiming to improve access to the beach by building a new slipway to it, and plans are very well advanced on this part of the project.

Mr White said that the majority of the funding for the slipway had already been secured, and the club is submitting an application to the Big Lottery fund for the cash to build a new Lifeguard Centre.

Nev White said: "The innovative building will sit discreetly at the beach and provide a comfortable and sustainable environment for people to enjoy all year round.

"We want the building to contribute to the Heritage Coast in a positive way, both aesthetically and functionally. Our aim is to see the centre benefit club members and local residents alike."

The club has started a consultation period, talking to local residents and also the Vale Council. Last Saturday (July 16) they opened the doors of the existing clubhouse to show the draft plans of the building.

Geoff Gaen ,of the local council, said: " I was pleased to see so many people from the village attend and have a look at what the lifeguard club is planning."

If successful with the Lottery grant, the lifeguard club hopes to start work on the new building next year.

'Name choice would be affront to brave

THROUGHOUT the Vale, there are memorials to those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Two World Wars.

Millions gave up their livelihoods, put training on hold, joining the forces so that Great Britain would be a free country.

It would be an affront to the bravery of these men and women to name a school after a conscientious objector.

E Jenkins, Barry



Barry Island

WEEKENDERS

FREE Family events every weekend this summer



23 & 24 July

STREET DANCE WEEKENDER

Saturday features dance moves with DJ Stirling from 11am to 1pm and free face painting. From 11am on Sunday you'll be wowed by performances from a number of dance crews.



30 & 31 July

BRASS BAND WEEKENDER

Enjoy live music by the seaside from 12pm each day. Saturday - Newport Brass Band and Rogerstone Band. Sunday - Barry Brass Band and Ynyshir Brass Band.



6 & 7 August

ZAPCATS WEEKENDER

Fast and furious Zapcat Powerboat action. The adrenalin pumped racing will take place on both days, promising plenty of speedy excitement. From 11am both days.



13 & 14 August

STREET ART WEEKENDER

Help make a huge colourful chalk drawing along the prom on Saturday, while on Sunday watch graffiti artists at work and create your own masterpiece to take home. From 12pm both days.



20 & 21 August

STREET MUSIC WEEKENDER

Live music along the prom from 12pm both days. Saturday - Wonderbrass and Railroad Bill. Sunday - Hot Potato Syncopators and The Bucket Band, plus street entertainment.



27 & 28 August

SAND ART WEEKENDER

See an amazing 20 tonne sand sculpture being built over the weekend and don't miss the team from 'Sand in your Eye' creating a massive sand drawing on Saturday too! 9am to 5pm both days.

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This free event will not only include performances, but a chance to take part and learn dance in a variety of daily workshops, kindly provided by organisations from across the Vale. Why not come along and have a go at dance, a fun, healthy lifelong activity that can be enjoyed by all ages of our community.

Thursday - Sunday 9.00am - 5.00pm

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MEN WHO FOUGHT AT MAMETZ WOOD

Dr Jonathan Hicks tells the story of the local men who took part in the Battle of the Somme 95 years ago this week

THE attack of the 38th Welsh Division on the German positions in Mametz Wood in July 1916, the second week of the Battle of the Somme, would cost it some 4,000 casualties, and also led to an attack on the honour of the division.

One of the more unusual divisional memorials on the Western Front is that to the 38th (Welsh) Division at Mametz Wood.

It was placed there by the South Wales branch of the Western Front Association in 1986 and takes the form of a red dragon clutching a piece of barbed wire.

Following the early fighting on the Somme, the British Army had pressed the German Army back beyond the villages of Mametz and Fricourt and by the end of the first week of the battle they were facing them across the shallow valley to the south of Mametz Wood.

The 38th (Welsh) Division formed part of the XV Corps and by July 5 they had moved into trenches from Bottom Wood to the edge of Caterpillar Wood and from there they could see the task that faced them.

Mametz Wood was, and still is, the largest wood on the Somme, covering an area of more than 200 acres with a maximum length of about a mile.

It is situated on a low spur of the Bazentin Ridge and overlooked the valley separating the two forces in the early days of July 1916.

Amongst the German units facing the Welshmen was the Lehr Regiment of the Prussian Guard.

Prior to the attack, it rained and movement became very difficult in the resulting mud. The attack was planned for 8.30 on the morning of July 7 and the 38th Division went into the attack, even though the planned smoke screen did not appear.

The 11th SWB and 16th Welsh rose to their task as soon as the artillery stopped and immediately came under fire from the German machine guns in Flatiron and Sabot Copses.

Casualties mounted and the attack petered out some 250 yards short of the wood.

By 10 o'clock that morning the situation deteriorated as the Germans increased shell and machine gun fire across the approaches to the wood.

Hundreds of Welshmen were killed before they even reached the wood.

The attack on the Hammerhead at Mametz Wood claimed the lives of several men from Barry.

CORPORAL EDGAR JAMES GILBERT of the 16th Welsh (Cardiff City) was killed in action on July 7. He was 24 years of age and before joining the army he was a cutter at W. J. Windsor's 'outfitting establishment'.

His friend Lance Corporal G. Jenkins of the same battalion, wrote a letter to Gilbert's parents on July 17: "It is with bitterest regret that I have to inform you of the death in action of your son Edgar. As you are aware by the papers, active operations have taken place this month, and our battalion took its share in the brilliant and successful assault on July 7, resulting in the capture of a now notorious position.

"It was during this action that Edgar fell, whilst a determined rush was being made. Believe me, I hardly know how to express my feelings of sorrow and sympathy, but I can at least say that mere words fall short of just expression.'

PRIVATE CHARLES BRECKENRIDGE of the Cardiff City Battalion was also killed during the attack.

He had been a postman in Barry and was killed when the battalion was swept with machine gun fire from the Hammerhead and Flatiron and Sabot copses on their right, causing 283 casualties.

Another local postman was killed on that day - **CORPORAL SYDNEY CHARLES HAMBLETON** of the same battalion.

His brother, Corporal Philip Hambleton, had died at Malta on December 7, 1915. Another brother, Corporal Frederick Hambleton, served in France with the Welsh Guards and survived the war.

Sydney Hambleton left a wife and a daughter to mourn his loss. The commanding officer of his D Company wrote to Sydney's wife that he had been in the front line of the attack on Mametz Wood and the platoon was practically wiped out.

The officer wrote: "But the men followed me gallantly and it was cruel to see them fall before a hail of bullets. He was a fine soldier and of great assistance."

He and Breckenridge are commemorated on the Barry Post Office Memorial.

SERGEANT DAVID THOMAS, 16th Bn. Welsh Regiment, was also killed on July 7. He was 26 years of age and before enlisting had been employed at the offices of the Barry Railway Company.

He was a well-known local footballer, playing as a forward for Penarth, Aberavon and Liverpool. He left a widow and one child.

MAJOR JAMES ANGUS of the 16th Welsh, also from Barry, personally directed every attempt to get forward "showing a fine example of leadership and disregard of danger by constantly exposing himself to fire."

Angus was to die later in the war, drowning in a river in September 1917 when struck by cramp or a seizure whilst bathing.

JOHN COLLINS served with the 16th Battalion and wrote later of his experiences:

"At Mametz Wood I was wounded in my elbow. We had taken a trench. My Captain sent me with a message over to the Woods. I delivered the message, never got back. I went into a big shell hole. It was dark when I got out. They bandaged my arm and I had to find my own way back. Soon found my way down to Boulogne and off to England."

Three days later, the Division attacked again. Once more, they came under fire from the machine guns placed in the wood.

They suffered heavy casualties and were beaten back on two occasions but a third attempt was made and they managed to get a foothold in the wood.

And at 6.30pm that day the division had reached to within 30 yards of the northern edge of the wood and the German troops were forced to withdraw.

The bulk of the wood was in the Welshmen's hands. The day's fighting ended there but it left the men tired and jumpy and throughout the night there was much wild firing.

JAMES BOLT of the 14th Welsh Regiment, was one of hundreds of soldiers who again attacked the Germans in Mametz Wood on the morning of July 10.

At 4.05am, they left their trenches and walked forward. A survivor described what happened next:

"Machine gun and rifle fire was trained on us. Words fail me to adequately describe this stage of the attack. Many of the shells hit the trees above us, detonated and caused more casualties."

James Bolt was one of the 388 casualties sustained by the battalion that day.

PRIVATE WILLIAM JOHN FOX, 13th Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was also killed in action on July 10. His platoon commander wrote:

"He had been in my platoon since the commencement of his military career; therefore I can speak of him as a soldier and a friend. He was a true soldier and a brave lad. Never before had he shown such coolness and bravery as in his last action."

PRIVATE GEORGE REES PROTHEROE of the 13th Welsh, died of wounds while being conveyed to the dressing station from the battlefield. He had joined the army 18 months previously and arrived in France in December 1915.

Corporal WJ Evans of the Royal Army Medical Corps wrote home to Protheroe's wife stating that Protheroe, who was suffering from wounds to his face and side, had died in his arms as he approached the dressing station. Protheroe had written home the night before he went bomb throwing saying: "If I get wounded, tell them I died doing my duty for King and country."

Mr and Mrs Sherlock of Barry Island received word that their eldest son, 20-year-old Private Frank Sherlock of the 10th Welsh Regiment, had been killed in action on July 11.

A comrade, Corporal S. A. White, had written home to express his sympathy. However, a week later the parents received a postcard from their son, dated July 18, informing them that he was in fact a prisoner of war at Dulmen in Westphalia in Germany.

He wrote asking for a parcel of food. Needless to say, according to Mr Sherlock, his wife made the journey from the Island to the Town Post Office "in about three steps" to despatch the parcel to her son.

As dawn broke on July 12, the units of the 62nd Brigade entered the wood to relieve the tired troops of the 38th Welsh Division and in no time at all they had moved through the wood.

The fighting for Mametz Wood was over. It had cost the 38th (Welsh) division 4,000 casualties – about a third of the infantry strength.

The Division was relieved to a quiet part of the line, for in spite of the effort that had been expended in the capture of the Wood, it was to get no credit for the work.

Another year was to pass before they were given the opportunity to show their worth and at Pilckem Ridge near Ypres, their honour was restored but not before many more men of the Division had fallen.

*'**The Dead of Mametz**', a crime thriller set during the Battle for Mametz Wood and written by Jonathan Hicks, is available through Amazon or all good booksellers.*

'Put Supermarket on Waterfront'

I FEEL I have to respond to Mr Hartwell's letter and "unbelievable" comments regarding the Barry councillors' vote against Sainsbury's coming to Barry.

I fear Mr Hartwell has missed the point completely.

The overwhelming feeling against the store was in fact the location, and not a vote against the supermarket. I cannot begin to speak for the 3,000 plus who signed the petition, although I'm pretty sure the majority would welcome Sainsbury's to Barry – but in a more appropriate position, and not opposite a school and extremely busy junction and roundabout. Why not at the Waterfront, where there is ample room to accommodate another giant supermarket?

Teresa Clark, Barry

'Ridiculous place for supermarket'

I CANNOT believe the letter written by Michael Hartwell in The GEM on July 14, regarding the planning committee's decision to deny the application for Sainsbury's store.

In the first place, this was always a ridiculous place to put a supermarket. Has he even looked at the proposed plans? This decision was based on the very dangerous location, its limited parking facilities and the difficulties and the effect on local residents.

It was stated by me, on behalf of many, that we are not against Sainsbury's coming to Barry. We would welcome them – and, indeed, better locations have been suggested.

Coun Janice Charles, Barry

Facing up to the threat in store

SO Mr Hartwell believes we need another supermarket chain in Barry... If he had attended the council meeting when this was discussed, he would have better understood the arguments relating to the provision of a Sainsbury's store in this location.

He asks whether the people objecting use local stores, rather than M&S or B&Q. The answer, in my case, is yes.

The cost of petrol being what it is, I will always try to find an item in Barry rather than outside, and that includes all the shops on Park Crescent and the High Street.

If Mr Hartwell wants a supermarket or minimarket, he already has a choice in Barry, of Lidl, Waitrose, The Co-operative, Tesco and Morrisons.

The majority of people who signed the petition did so voluntarily – I never saw anyone having their arms twisted – and they did so because they wanted to see the character of Park Crescent shopping retained, not destroyed by yet another supermarket chain

A Sainsbury's store would be a jobs, community and livelihood killer for most of the other businesses on Park Crescent and we must not allow this thriving community to be devastated.

David Kennett, Barry

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'RECYCLING WOULD STOP WHINGING'

I AM fed up with all this whinging about the problems of black bag collections – there are more important issues to worry about in this country today.

I agree with the writers, Mr and Mrs Poole from Barry Island. No-one mentioned recycling. My wife and I recycle food, cardboard/plastics, newspapers, cans and glass. We also have a plastic dustbin to keep our black bag in (yes, one bag a fortnight).

There was a letter in The GEM letters page about three weeks ago on the same subject, complaining about carbon footprints because of journeys to the waste disposal units, the cost of petrol and wear and tear of the car! All of you ought to get a life.

Cuts have got to be made because of the state the country is in; it hurts but would you rather see some of the council work force made redundant because of the cuts?

My whinge is householders who don't recycle. Opposite my house are streets of about 120 houses. I have counted the food waste buckets for the Wednesday collection – 25 in all – and it's the same with the other fortnightly recycling days.

Why can't the council make it compulsory, as they do in Cardiff?

The food waste recycling, if made compulsory, would stop most of the problems of black bags being ripped open by all and sundry.

(Name and address supplied)

Sainsbury's: too late to complain

I WRITE in response to Michael Hartwell (last week's GEM) who has totally missed the point as to the reasoning of the planning committee in rejecting Sainsbury's planning application in respect of 39-40 Park Crescent, Barry.

It has been made clear to Sainsbury's throughout the planning process that their presence in Barry would be more than welcome, but that their choice of location was unsuitable.

For the councillors to have allowed Sainsbury's to open a busy retail store with long opening hours within yards of a highly populated residential area, opposite Barry's largest primary school, next to a well-used pedestrian crossing, and at the junction of a busy roundabout where traffic chaos already reigns, would have been preposterous and unthinkable.

The decision to reject the proposal (made after site visits by the planning committee) was the only sensible outcome.

If Mr Hartwell and his friends were so supportive of Sainsbury's, why didn't they make their views known during the planning process?

In addition to the 3,500 names on the petition (not 3,000 as Mr Hartwell states), the council received hundreds of individual letters of objection to the proposal, and just a single letter of support.

Everyone had the chance to make their views known and it is far too late to be complaining about the decision now.

Leanne Sokolski, Barry

'Amazed at opposition'

I AM amazed that letter writer Mr Hartwell is opposed to the council's decision not to allow Sainsbury's to locate to Park Crescent.

As I understand it, this was to be a 'Local', therefore the range of goods to be sold would have been limited. He has not taken into account the adverse effect this would have had on a major road beside a school.

The council were opposed to the location, not to Sainsbury's and I am sure they would assist them in finding a more suitable location.

I am a very frequent visitor to Barry and take a great interest in the town, as a union representative.

Tony Strudwick, Gloucester

WAITING FOR THE RUBBISH COLLECTION

THE Vale Council's CS Parish is either naive or ignorant of the reality of fortnightly refuse collections.

At the time of writing (Saturday evening) I have five full black bags sitting on, and spoiling, my garden patio.

One of them is full of used cat litter, which has been accumulating for nine days – your readers can imagine the stench.

Not to mention the other bags which, despite separate food waste collections, have numerous malodorous food containers such as tin cans, plastic trays and other materials contaminated with stale food.

And there are still another four and a half days of further accumulation to go, before I can dispose of this unsanitary nuisance.

This situation is clearly unacceptable and it's outrageous that the Vale Council allows it to continue.

I have previously called for the council to supply wheelie bins for the safe storage of household waste.

If they cannot agree to that, then they must reinstate weekly collections – we cannot continue to live in these unhygienic conditions. (CS Parish take note).

Christopher Ware, Barry

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VALE CONTENDERS DO THEIR BEST IN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE WELSH TITLES

THE final of the 'Miss Wales' and 'Mr Wales' competitions took place recently in St David's Hall, Cardiff.

Although they didn't win, young men and women from The GEM's circulation area featured prominently in the evening.

The prime motive for the event, of course, was once again raising funds for the Joshua Foundation, which works to help children with cancer.

PHOTOGRAPHS by **GLYN EVANS**

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Kyle Evans of Pyle.



Tatyana Owen of Barry (above) and (below) Stephanie Lubbock of Porthcawl





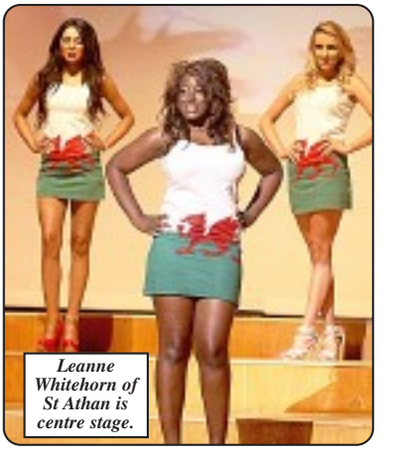
George Blick of Llantwit Major





Barry's Samara Matthews (above) and (below) George Blick.





Leanne Whitehorn of St Athan is centre stage.



Last year's Miss Wales, Courtenay Hamilton of St Donat's meeting a contestant.

As cinema's biggest franchise comes to an end...

Potter's final outing drips with magic, but not enough depth

ALL good things must come to an end, whether it is Shane Williams' international career, Cheryl Cole's tenure on American X Factor or Ryan Giggs' reputation as a family man.

However, the hole left by *Harry Potter* on the cinematic landscape will certainly be a prominent one. Seven films with a global box office of $4.5billion is certainly nothing to be sniffed at, and the final part of the story seems certain to add to that.

Part two of the final book, *The Deathly Hallows*, picks up where part one left off, with Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) heading back to Hogwarts in order to try and thwart Voldermort's (Ralph Fiennes) plans to bring a dark shadow across the world.

As the stakes are raised like never before, will the three friends, and other members of Hogwarts, be able to stop the evil Voldermort once and for all...

Ten years on from its auspicious debut, and the *Harry Potter* franchise has never show any signs of slowing down. With all eyes fixed on the final outing, the biggest question was whether or not the film would manage to go out with a bang rather than a whimper?

The answer is a little bit of both...as while *The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* is a fitting end to the biggest film series of all time, it also suffers from similar foibles to its predecessors.

With David Yates on his fourth outing as director, there is a pleasing sense of urgency about the film, the director obviously relishing the opportunity to close the series in the right way possible.

From the opening set-piece (a raid on Gringots bank) Yates executes the spectacle with flair and precision, delivering some wonderful action moments.

When the films shifts into the siege at Hogwarts, as Voldermort and his army do battle with Harry and his makeshift group of students and parents, there is more than a hint of the grandiose action that Peter Jackson offered in the *Lord of the Rings trilogy*, Yates using the scope to full effect.

The cast also bring their best for last, with Daniel Radcliffe giving Harry a little more depth this time around as the magnitude of events take hold, while Emma Watson and Rupert Grint are as bookishly likeable and amusing as they have always been.

While some of the adult cast are reduced to being high-profile extras (Jim Broadbent, Julie Walters, Mark Williams), the likes of Maggie Smith and Ralph Fiennes deliver the goods, while Alan Rickman stands out as we learn the back story of Snape and the reasons for his actions.

As ever, Steve Kloves adapts the book well, the story moving with verve, but as is always the case, there is plenty that goes unexplained or passed over, lessening the dramatic effect.

While this film, more than any of the others, raises the stakes with the possibility of most of the cast being offed, any drama from these moments is reduced by all too often glossing over what has happened.

There are several deaths that will resonate with the audience, but Kloves' screenplay is too busy to linger on the ramifications of them, instead moving on a little too swiftly, the climax in particular feeling terribly flat.

While it isn't the finest of the series (that honour going to … *Prisoner of Azkaban*), … *The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* is still a grandiose and fitting way to end the films, and will no doubt please the hordes of fans savouring their final slice of the boy wizard.

VERDICT – So long to Harry Potter, but it is a goodbye that will more than satisfy the muggles. The usual book-to-screen issues aside, the strong direction of David Yates and pleasing turns across the board mean that …*The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* is a fitting farewell. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: All of the *Harry Potter* films, *The Return of the King*.

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

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Hardy plants on sale

A PLANT sale will be held on July 23 at Cowbridge Lesser Town Hall from 10am-12.30pm – with free entry to all.

There will be interesting and unusual plants grown by members of the Hardy Plant Society and also specialist nurseries.

Teas, coffees and homemade cakes available.

BARRY CAMERA CLUB NEWS

The ever-changing Vale landscape is captured on film!

MONDAY, July 4 saw Jane Hutt AM open Barry Camera Club's Heritage Coast exhibition at St Donat's Arts Centre.

The exhibition, mounted by club members, captured the ever-changing mood and coastal beauty spots of the area.

The AM said: "The Barry Camera Club exhibition featuring the Heritage Coast is an inspiration and well worth a visit over the next few weeks at St Donat's Arts Centre. The skill, as well as talent, is exceptional, bringing out the beauty and diversity of our coastline in the Vale of Glamorgan."

The images are depictions of the Heritage Coast taken as a set subject for one of the club's monthly competitions, which were later critiqued and a winner awarded.

This exhibition is an outstanding record and account for future prosperity of our lovely locality, which will be carried over to the annual exhibition in Barry Library throughout August.



Jane Hutt opening Barry Camera Club's Heritage Coast exhibition with vice-chair Barbra Archdale-Smith.

Barry Camera Club's Heritage Coast exhibition is open at St Donat's Arts Centre on weekdays from 10am-4pm until July 28.

The exhibition will also be open on some weekend dates, subject to other events being held.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm-9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX.

Barbra Archdale-Smith

Screening service says '**thank you!**'

A HUGE 'Thank You' has been issued by Breast Test Wales – to the public and the community in Barry, for supporting its mobile visit to the area.

The unit, which has been based at Morrison's car park since April moved out on July 22.

Dafydd Snelling, a screening promotion officer with the NHS service, commented: "We are very grateful to Morrison's for allowing us to site our mobile unit within their car park."

Out and About with The GEM

Former boxing champ Nicky in run for hospice care charity



Nicky Piper with wife Juliet, son Oliver aged nine and six-year-old Imogen are in training for GTHC's Spar 3k 4 Kidz event.

FORMER Welsh boxing champ Nicky Piper and his family are heading a fun run for charity next month.

George Thomas Hospice Care (GTHC) is appealing for families to join its first family fun run – the Spar 3k 4 Kidz on August 14 at Bute Park, Cardiff.

All funds raised will support patients and their families with cancer and other life threatening illnesses.

GTHC's fundraising and events officer Nicky Piper was one of the first to sign his family up for the event and said: "We held a really successful 5k run in March and the minimum age allowed was 11, but there were so many children cheering their parents on who wanted to run that the idea for the 3k 4 Kidz was conceived.

"We're all having great fun training together as a family and getting fit, too!"

To sign up for the Spar3k 4 Kidz event call GTHC on 029 20 524150 or go to www.gthc.org.uk

Competition winner

THE winner of our recent competition in conjunction with The Cross Inn, for a meal for two (prize to the value of £25) was Mrs A Evans, of Barry. Congratulations!

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● **£2,000:** 563158.

● **£1,000:** Rollover, no winner

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For lottery information telephone 02920 672062.

What's On in and around your area

Tea party for Marie Curie

FOLLOWING the success of 'Blooming Great Tea Parties' held in the offices of Larby Williams, the staff have decided to hold their third tea party in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care on Friday, July 29, from 2.30pm-4.30pm at The Pavilion, 60 Eastgate, Cowbridge.

"There is no charge for the tea and cakes but we would ask people attending to make a donation to the charity.

"Representatives from Marie Curie will be at the tea to explain the wonderful service they provide," a spokesperson said.

Holiday club

NEXT month, the Methodist church in the Vale children's and youth team will hold its annual Holiday Club, and jungle jamboree is the theme.

Holiday Club for children in school classes 1 to 6 will be at The Gathering Place, Methodist Church & Community Centre, from August 2-4, at 10am-12.30pm; £1 entry per day. ***For information, contact Rev Peter Taylor on 01446 406 262 or email: revpeter@live.co.uk***

Fun dog show

PORTHCAWL Animal Welfare Society is holding its annual fun dog show on Bank Holiday, Sunday, August 28, at Salt Lake, Porthcawl; craft stalls, food and refreshments and pet competitions.

Contact Liz on 0781 4244255 or visit: www.pawsporthcawl.co

Roadworks report

Temporary traffic control: *A4050 Port Road East, Barry, outside The White Lion public house, East Street, Llanwit Major.*

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Cubs and Scouts' VC10 visit

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Their mission was to visit the Defence Support hangar and be shown around VC10 K3, ZA148 that was being serviced in the facility.

This was part of the 'air activities badge' for the Cubs. After a quick trip to the hangar, they were allowed onto the aircraft to be shown round, starting on the flight deck to see the controls, gauges and switches used to control the aircraft.

At this point, the Scouts also took the opportunity to invest a Scout into the troop. This aircraft has no passenger seats, as it is used to refuel other aircraft in flight, so the Cubs were allowed to walk alongside the extra fuel tanks and out of the rear door to look at the engines.

After a climb up the staging, the rudder controls were explained to them and at the top, they looked down on the whole aircraft from about 30 feet above the fuselage and wings.

Well done to some of the younger Cubs who overcame their fear of heights to make it all the way to the top. They later saw how the aircraft refuels other aircraft while flying.

The following week the aircraft finished its servicing and went back to work with the Royal Air Force.

The Cubs and Scouts would like to thank Mr Gerry Turnbull for allowing the visit to take place. **ROBERT McNICHOL**

Megan's poem is winner of bard's 'chair'



Megan's poem won – pupils had written on the theme 'Y Fro' (My Vale).

THE chairing of the bard ceremony at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg has become the pinnacle event in the school's calendar.

In true tradition and in recognition of Iolo Morganwg's work in establishing the Gorsedd of Bards, the children wrote poems and entered them in the prestigious competition.

Local poet and entertainer, Caryl Parry-Jones judged the event and complimented each child on their individual style and high standard. This year's winner was Megan Rees. (Pictured).

Caryl Parry-Jones commented that the standard this year was fantastic and the children's ability to write poems was very high. Children wrote following the theme 'Y Fro' (My Vale) and this was chosen to celebrate the fact that the National Eisteddfod is being held at Llandow next year.

In recognition of her success, Megan was awarded the title, along with a beautiful miniature chair that she will treasure as a prize.

The winning entry:

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Gan Megan Rees

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McArthurGlen's Bridgend Designer Outlet has reported a +5% rise in sales and +7% increase in footfall during June, as shoppers headed to the centre in droves, eager to pick up the latest summer look.

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Louise Evans, McArthurGlen Style Consultant, says, "Everyone wants to look their best during the summer but buying a whole new wardrobe or special occasion outfit can get very expensive. The wide range of fashion brands and fantastic value at McArthurGlen's Bridgend Designer Outlet helps customers make clever choices for the summer season. Recent new additions to the centre, Phase Eight and Billabong, offer the perfect summer solutions for shoppers – whether they're looking to follow the latest beachwear trends whilst on holiday or stand out in style at a wedding."





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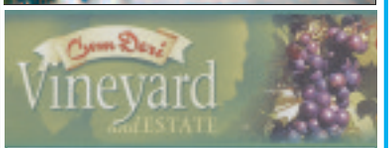
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(a) +3%; (b) +5%; (c) +6%

Closing date Thursday 28th July. (All entrants must be 18 or over - *Normal competition rules apply. No correspondence will be entered into)*

CHARITY GOLF

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History recreated at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig



The day started with an exercise drill!



Playing old-fashioned games!



The class of 2011 go back 100 years!



The staff put on their most severe faces!

PUPILS and staff at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig travelled back in time recently, back to 1911 to celebrate the 100th birthday of the building, where a full day of events was organised by history coordinator Miss Nia Davies.

The school opened its doors to former pupils from past decades. It had formerly been known as Barry County Intermediate School, Barry Girls Grammar School and Brynhafren Lower School and several former pupils came to the school to see the display in the school hall.

Here, Miss Davies had placed memorabilia, photos and stories from years gone by. The school also provided tea, coffee and biscuits.

Mrs Jane McCarthy, a former pupil said: "It has been lovely to come back for the day. There are lots of memories in this wonderful building."

The former pupils were also given the opportunity to wander around the school to see old classrooms and relive old memories.

The staff and children also played their part. Everyone dressed up as teachers and pupils from 1911 and spent the day as it would have been back in those times.

There was a formal assembly which was then followed by reading, (w)riting and (a)rithmatic within each classroom.

The 'Welsh Not' was used in classrooms and children were 'encouraged' to sit up straight and show good posture in class!

All children took part in 'the drill' during the day. Parents supported the occasion by dressing the children appropriately and providing their children with a packed lunch from the era, which included bread, ham, cheese, fruit cake and home made lemonade.

The school canteen also joined in by providing the children with sandwiches and cawl.

In the afternoon, children were split according to gender and age.

Boys in the junior department worked on their artwork. The upper junior girls were developing their cooking skills in order to help out in the home.

The lower junior girls were provided with parenting skills and taught how to look after babies.

At the end of the day, every child wearing the Welsh not had to visit the headteacher's office, which I'm sure was not a pleasurable experience!

Mrs Sian Owen, the headteacher, said: "I'm thrilled at how well today went. It was absolutely amazing and all the staff and children played their part to make this day a day to remember. I'm not sure how many children would like to go back to 1911 permanently though!"

The school would like to thank several people for a quite wonderful day. Firstly, Miss Nia Davies for organising the day, Mrs Sian Rhiannon, a school governor for her support and advice, all staff, children and parents for helping to make it a special day.

Also, many thanks to Sarah Moignard for lending us the display boards. To Kerrin Rosser and Mary Incledon – our tea ladies! We would like to thank the following for providing memorabilia – Jane McCarthy, Dilys Walsh, Alison Ford, Roberta Cave, Anne Connor, Mr and Mrs Hourahane.

Hanes yn cael ei ail-greu yn Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig

WYTHNOS diwethaf fe deithiodd athrawon a phlant Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig nôl i 1911 i ddathlu can mlwyddiant yr adeilad. Trefnwyd diwrnod o weithgareddau gan y cydlynydd Hanes Miss Nia Davies.

Yn y neuadd cafwyd arddangosfa o waith y plant ynghyd â lluniau o'r blynyddoedd a aeth heibio. Darparwyd te a choffi i'r ymwelwyr yn y neuadd. Dywedodd Jane McCarthy, cyn-ddisgybl: "Braf yw dychwelyd am ddiwrnod. Mae cymaint o atgofion gen i am yr hen adeilad." Cafodd y cyn-ddisgyblion gyfle i grwydro'r adeilad.

Chwaraeodd pawb eu ran. Pawb wedi gwisgo yn null y cyfnod ac yn dilyn amserlen y cyfnod – 'reading, (w)riting and (a)rithmatic." Cafwyd defnydd o'r 'Welsh Not' ym mhob dosbarth. Yn y prynhawn rannwyd y plant yn ôl oedran a chenedl.

Bechgyn yr adran Iau yn gwneud gwaith Celf a merched yr Adran Iau yn coginio ac yn dysgu sgiliau gofal plant, Yn unol â thraddodiad, cafodd pob plentyn oedd yn gwisgo'r 'Welsh Not' gyfle i ymweld ag ystafell y pennaeth ar ddiwedd y dydd – profiad i'r sawl rwy'n siwr!

Dywedodd y pennaeth Mrs Sian Owen : "Rwy wrth fy modd yn gweld y plant a'r athrawon yn cymryd rhan ar ddiwrnod mor arbennig. Pawb wedi ymdrechu'n galed i wneud y diwrnod yn un llwyddiannus. Er faint hoffai fynd ac aros yn 1911 rwy ddim yn siwr!"

RJ









ABOVE: Past pupils came along to join in the celebrations.

Schoolboy in 15-minute battle to land Lake Carol's prize carp catch!

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

AN eight-year-old Barry schoolboy fought for 15 minutes with a line and rod to land a prize carp weighing in at an impressive 9lbs.

Joe Osborne, who attends All Saints Primary School, made the catch on only his fourth fishing trip with dad Tom, a member of Glamorgan Anglers Club.

He told The GEM: "My dad Tom and I went fishing on July 10 at Lake Carol by Dow Corning – the old dock pond in Barry.

"While my dad was setting up his gear, a kind, older man offered to set me up to catch 'some big fish'. I'd only caught small fish before!

"He gave me some traditional tips and advice while my dad had a break.

"The man then asked me to look after his rod while he took a stroll around the lake."

No sooner had the man left, than Joe struck lucky by hooking the fish.

"I fought the fish on my own for about 15 minutes and then needed help to land it onto the bank.

"It was a common carp weighing in at around 8-9lbs – although I was told the scales weren't accurate so it's difficult to be certain.

"After the fish was weighed we put it back in the water."

Proud dad Tom said: "It was the biggest fish caught that morning among the group of anglers in the vicinity – embarrassing for the more experienced senior members!

"In a society where people generally keep themselves to themselves, it was really nice for a stranger to voluntarily help Joe and give some of his time to help.

"I appreciated the break! My guess is that Joe will forget most of the modern day experiences, like scooters, bikes, and electronic gaming systems, but he will never forget an experience like this.

"Joe and I would like to thank the kind gentleman for his help."



ABOVE:
Joe caught the carp on only his fourth fishing expedition with dad Tom.

Phantom 'Mayday' puzzles teams

FREAK atmospheric conditions are thought to be behind a phantom 'Mayday' call that caused a major alert in the Bristol Channel last week. .

The volunteer crew of the RNLI's Barry Dock Lifeboat joined the search when the call came in on Thursday, July 14, at 9:15pm

The cox'n of the Barry Dock Lifeboat, Hugh 'Spud' Davies, said that a weak Mayday signal was heard by the Portland HM Coastguard and it was believed to be in the Bristol Channel area.

HM Coastguard at Swansea immediately launched the Barry Dock Lifeboat to search a large area between Flatholme and Stout Point.

The HM Coastguard Search and Rescue team from Barry were also deployed to search the coastline.

After a number of hours, the teams were stood down with nothing found.

Gerry Adams, press officer for Barry RNLI, told The GEM: "It is believed that the transmitted Mayday signal may have 'bounced' off the St Hilary mast, due to the atmospherics at the time."

£450 raised for church funds



THE sun shone and people turned out in force for All Saints Church fundraising barbecue on July 10.

Burgers and hotdogs were served with a delicious range of salads, followed by ice creams and fresh fruit salad. The Pimms bar went down well as did the bouncy castle, which kept the children amused all afternoon!

A great time was had by all, and £450 was raised towards the church conversion project now under way, which will enable All Saints to be opened up for parish and community use throughout the week.

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make the afternoon a success.



Two local supporters of the Healing the Wounds charity, Tracy Darby and Christine Pullen, braved the rain in Llantwit Major to show their support for the fundraising initiative at Cardiff Airport which starts on August 1.

'Healing the Wounds' fundraiser at Airport

CARDIFF AIRPORT will be the focus of a fundraising event from August 1-October 31, on behalf of the Bridgend-based Armed Forces charity, Healing the Wounds.

Healing the Wounds was set up by Kevin Richards, a former military medic just under two years ago.

The aim of the charity is to offer treatment and support to serving military and former military personnel who, due to conflict of war, may be suffering from 'post traumatic stress disorder' (PTSD).

The effects of PTSD on military personnel not only affects them, but can impact on their families too.

Kevin Richards, founder of the charity, said: "We would like to thank Cardiff Airport for their fantastic support which will help us to provide much needed treatment within Wales for our Armed Forces, Veterans and their families.

"Dedicated volunteers will help us to raise money to continue providing this facility within Wales."

Margaret James, Cardiff Airport's contracts and quality manager, said: "We're delighted to offer our support to such a worthy cause, and hope that staff and passengers at the airport will be generous in their donations to help raise much needed funds for Healing the Wounds, an excellent charity supporting the armed forces here in Wales."

If you would like to get involved in 'Healing the Wounds' fundraising at Cardiff Airport, please call 01446 795137; or go to the charity's website www.healingthewounds.co.uk.

Winners in The Night Garden!



THE winners of The GEM's 'In The Night Garden' competition were Jane Foster and Vivienne Burdiscombe; runners-up were Angela Sullivan, L Watts and Sarah Sellen.

Mrs Vivienne Biddiscombe writes: "I would just like to express my delight at being a winner in your recent In The Night Garden competition.

"The prize included four tickets to see the show at Bute Park, Cardiff. I, along with my son Gareth, daughter-in-law Nicola, and granddaughter Carys - enjoyed the show immensely.

"I've attached a photograph of my granddaughter, Carys Biddiscombe who attends High Street Infants School, Barry."

Carys is pictured above with Uppsy Daisy and Iggle Piggle, two of her favourite television characters."

We're sure you all had a great time with Iggle Piggle and Co!

Watch out for more great GEM competitions!

OUT OF TOWN 'Meet the People' update

Talbot Green, Pontyclun, Llantrisant & Ystradowen

Why community shopping makes more sense than ever!

COMMUNITY shopping looks set for a renaissance in the future – because it makes such good sense in saving fuel and time, supporting local jobs, and dealing with someone the shoppers can get to know and trust.

Pontyclun, Talbot Green and Llantrisant are prime examples of bustling village and town economies that are thriving, thanks to the huge variety of services on offer.

One local shopper, Sandra Patterson, a care worker who supports people with learning difficulties in Llanharry, said she and her family all use local shopping areas.

Sandra lives in Tonyrefail and told The GEM: "It is so convenient for me to pop into the shops in Pontyclun or Talbot Green during my working day.

"Today my sister and I are having our hair done, but in Pontyclun I use the post office, the butchers and have been to the pub for a Christmas meal and karaoke.

"My husband Arthur, and son Matthew, who works in Llantrisant, also shop locally."

Sandra also picks up prescriptions at the local chemists and can deal with any banking at the same time.

Local butcher John Hughes said that although the life-blood of the local economy is thanks to the loyalty of people in nearby villages and the Rhondda Valley, businesses also get healthy trade thanks to people passing through.

"We get customers from Barry, Cardiff and Swansea – there's a lot of passing trade.

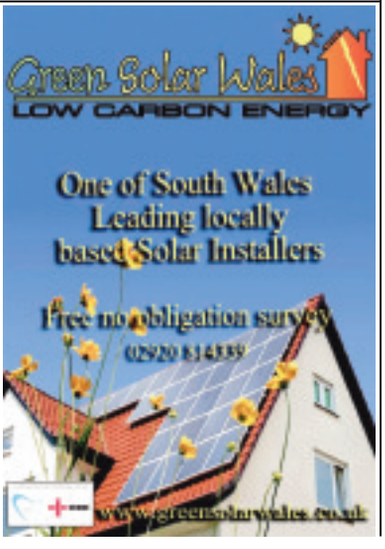
John lives in Porthcawl, owned a shop in Pencoed, but relocated to more spacious premises in Pontyclun 18 years ago and hasn't looked back.

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PEOPLE ON YOUR FRIENDLY HIGH ST



Nancy, Derreck and Vanessa, part of the team at The Community Shop.

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He said: "People like the village atmosphere here – and the variety of businesses on offer."

Just a glance up and down the high street confirms John's claim – florists, banks, coffee shops, restaurants, bistros, travel agents, chemists, physiotherapists, beauty salons – why go into Cardiff to shop when its all on your doorstep?

One of the most familiar shops in Pontyclun is the Community Shop, which was started 20 years ago by Kath Jones and Father Martin Reynolds.

Vanessa Pullman, the manager, said: "We are grateful for donations from the public, and support both local community causes, and charities such as Velindre, Ty Hafan and Afrikids.

"We have 26 part time staff who help to run the shop, and they come from Pontyclun, Brynsadler, Talbot Green and Llantrisant.

"People shop locally because they like the atmosphere, and we get people from as far away as Aberdare."

People who buy from the huge choice of clothes, CDs, books, toys, ornaments and pictures are pleased to know that the shop is putting something back into the community.



ABOVE: Mother and daughter team: Diana Pika and Ingrid Brooks from Ingy's Undies.



ABOVE: Old Llantrisant is popular with shoppers and tourists.



ABOVE: Glenn Brooks is the face of the south Wales Benefits Service.



ABOVE: Beth Giles of Giles Gallery.



ABOVE: John Hughes and Bruce Chivers... The butchers!



ABOVE: Rhian Evans is The House In Town boutique.



ABOVE: Marcus Foster, barber.

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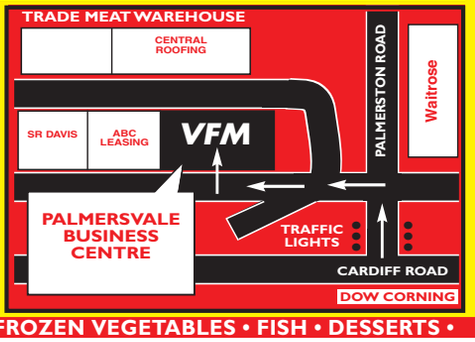


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ALTHOUGH lashed by wind and rain during its preparation, spirits remained high at Llandow fete.

Celebrity guest ITV1 Wales presenter and meteorologist Ruth Wignall opened the fete.

This year, the fete was supported by the police, who not only brought along a squad car for the children's enjoyment, but two mounted police officers, and police dogs and a handler.

It was an enjoyable way of getting across the importance of road safety to youngsters.

By late afternoon, the Hall Field had dried out and the children and adults were able to take part in novelty races.

A big thank you to everyone who supported this important fund raising occasion and made it a great fun day.

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(For more pictures go to: Valeevents.co.uk)





















Local AM becomes the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives

by GEM STAFF

ANDREW RT DAVIES, who farms in the Vale, has been named the new Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Assembly.

Members' ballot papers were counted at the SWALEC Stadium in Cardiff and it was a close contest.

In cricketing terms, it was probably the equivalent of a two-wicket win, with Mr Davies gaining 53 per cent of the vote, and his rival, Nick Ramsay AM taking 47 per cent..

After the ballot, Mr Davies said: "It is a great honour to lead our party and I am thrilled to be the leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Assembly.

"This has been a great contest for our party, bringing us together and providing a vehicle for us to debate and discuss ideas.

"Welsh Conservatives are at our best when united, working together as a force for Wales. We have a great task and a great opportunity ahead."

Mr Davies said he wanted to lead a constructive opposition.

"Where there is consensus, we will work with the Welsh Government to best serve the interests of Wales. But where the government is reckless with the public purse, where they introduce legislation without due scrutiny, we will be there to make sure the voice of Wales is heard."

He thanked his opponent, saying: "As I'm sure Nick would agree, the contest has invigorated our members and I will continue to engage with them and with the wider electorate over the months and years to come.

"I'd also like to thank my family for their unwavering support, without which I would not be here today. So thank you.

"As someone who is proud to be Welsh, proud to be British and proud to be a Welsh Conservative, it is with great pride and honour that I have become the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives."



Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Assembly, Andrew RT Davies AM.

Mr Davies's farming background means that he has taken an active interest in rural regeneration matters in the Vale.

"I was chair of Creative Rural Communities when it was set up in 2003-4 and the first grand aid and schemes were approved. The programme has proved to be very successful."

However, he stressed that his new role meant he had to speak on all issues that affected people in their day to day lives.

"Politicians should not be pigeon-holed, and must speak on all areas that affect the community such as health matters, local government and the economy.

"I was born and brought up in the Vale of Glamorgan – it runs through my DNA – and I aim to champion causes that will benefit the people of the Vale and Wales."

The Prime Minister David Cameron said: "I want to congratulate Andrew on his election as the leader of our party in the Welsh Assembly.

"Under Labour, Wales has become the poorest part of the UK, its education system is failing a generation and now Labour are making cuts of £1billion to the NHS.

"We must now offer a strong Conservative voice for Wales and I look forward to working closely with Andrew to deliver this and realise our strong ambitions for Wales."

Iolo pupils earn green award



ABOVE: It is the pupils' second eco award.

PUPILS at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg have just been told that they have received a second Eco award.

Head teacher Dylan Evans said: "The children have worked extremely hard under the guidance of Mrs Sarah Tudur to win this prestigious award."

Mrs Tudur commented: "The eco committee are keen to learn about environmental and eco issues, and have undertaken their roles with enthusiasm.

"This year they have organised Fair-trade events, updated their development plan and looked at ways to reduce gas and electricity consumption.

"All these measures have had a direct impact on the whole school and made the children more aware on how best to care for the environment."

Mr Evans added: "This award is a wonderful recognition to all the children who have worked so hard throughout the year."

Importance of returning Homes4U questionaire

THE Vale Council is to add clarification to its advertisements after a GEM reader pointed out that people might be confused about the precise involvement of Homes4U in council housing matters.

The issue came to light when Homes4U issued a customer satisfaction questionaire in late June which warned: "If you do not return the form to us by this time (ie. within four weeks) we will assume you no longer wish to be considered for rehousing."

The survey sought information from people who wanted to be rehoused as to their opinions of how the Homes4U scheme was working.

A GEM reader pointed out that because the dominant logo on the questionaire was Homes4U, people might think it was junk mail and bin it, not realising they could be taken off the Vale's housing list!

Mike Ingram, the operational manager for public housing services at the Vale Council, said: "The council routinely screens its applicant list and we have used this process for a number of years.

"The questionnaire is attached to a formal letter from the partnership explaining the importance and process.

"This has not been an issue in previous years and we have had very few appeals against removal citing this reason."

Mr Ingram explained: "The Homes4U scheme is a partnership of social landlords administered through the council and the logo is designed to reflect this.

"However, I have suggested that we add a line or two of explanation to our normal fortnightly Homes4U advertisement."

The survey forms should be returned by the end of this month.

GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

Should graves be county treasures?

I AM writing in response to the letter that appeared in your July 14 edition from Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council.

The Town Council is honoured that Captain Cecil Foster is buried in our Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, along with other notable Merchant Seamen, such as Captains Durant, Mordecai and Murrel, whose equally heroic actions also received formal recognition.

Captain Murrel was on board the *Trelawney* with Captain Cecil Foster when the vessel came under attack and was sunk.

I feel I should explain to your readers that the Town Council's planning committee was asked by the Vale Council for their views on the inclusion of the chapel and drinking fountain at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery within the revised County Treasures List, as locally important buildings, along with the grave of Captain Cecil Foster.

The committee, which strives to consider all planning and related issues on their merits, and comprises representatives from all three political parties, was unanimous in responding that, although Barry Town Council wholeheartedly supported the inclusion of the chapel and drinking fountain within the revised unified list of historic built assets, it would object to the inclusion of the grave of Captain Foster on the grounds that:

(**a**) the town council does not own this particular built asset, this being the province of the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial attaching to Captain Foster's grave, and;

(**b**) because if one individual memorial is being put forward for inclusion within the unified list, then consideration should be given to many other notable memorials placed on other graves with the cemetery.

I consider that the grave and memorial to Captain Durrant would be a real county treasure were it to be included within the list, as he was the only recipient of the Naval Victoria Cross awarded to an army officer.

Moreover, the honour was, unusually, recommended by a German officer.

The Town Council's planning committee feels that if Captain Foster's is to be included within the revised County Treasures List, then the deadline for comments on the draft addendum (the list of locally important buildings earmarked for the awarding of county treasure status) should be extended.

This will allow my council to supply the head of planning and transportation with several other examples of graves and memorials in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery equally meritorious of the Vale Council's cabinet's consideration.

Coun Keith Lewis (Chair, planning committee, Barry Town Council)

ODE TO THE BLACK BAG

ONCE again, we are assailed by a dose of 'Councilese' – where Mr Parish takes 500 words to tell us that most people cooperate with black bag collection but some do not, an enforcement team may visit frequent offenders who are potential criminals, that alternative waste disposal sites exist and that we should all play by the rules.

Sledgehammers and nuts come to mind, but I offer the following, set to the tune of 'Hymns and Arias' (with apologies to Max Boyce)....

With balaclava'd visages they creep out every night
To leave their bulging black bin bags - oh such an ugly sight.
It is a dark conspiracy dreamt up by Dai the Bin.
Oh such a gang of criminals, so deeply dyed in sin...
But we are singing hymns and arias, Land of my Fathers, ar hyd y nos...

But is this just a fantasy dreamed up by council men?
The explanation's simpler - I asked my Aunty Gwen.
She doesn't know what day it is -
and it's not inebriation;
Her memory's shot to pieces by
her latest medication.
So she's singing hymns and arias..

So let's not talk of criminals who mess up every street
But send polite reminders to try
to keep things neat.
You catch few flies with vinegar,
for honey works the best;
If you don't want random rubbish bags then send a sweet request.
Then we'll be singing hymns and arias.....

Let's have no tough enforcement teams with jackboots, threats and stuff;
Our rubbish stands for two long weeks and that smells bad enough.
Our council tax goes higher while the services decrease -
As Mr Parish and his chums their wordy threats release
But we'll keep singing hymns and arias, Land of my Fathers, ar hyd y nos

From The Voice of Spitzkop
(Name and address supplied)

What is the value of county treasure?

SO Rhoose councillor Gordon Kemp, leader of the ale of Glamorgan Council wants to create a county treasure of a grave in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery (GEM letters, July 14).

Back in the 1980s the Vale Council declared White Farm to be a county treasure, but recently seven rural councillors voted to approve 177 dwellings on that land.

What value is a county treasure then?

Mrs Angela Price (White Farm anti-development campaign)

Leekes' donation to Ty Hafan



Llantrisant store manager, Glyn Morgan, presents the cheque to Ty Hafan's corporate partnerships development coordinator, Stacey Brewster.

A CHEQUE for more than £1,700 has been handed by the Leekes store to Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives.

The charity was nominated by staff at the Llantrisant store and the majority of the money was raised through donations from customers visiting Leekes' Santa's grotto during the Christmas period and various other fundraising ventures.

Ty Hafan's corporate partnerships development coordinator, Stacey Brewster, collected the cheque from Leekes' Llantrisant store manager, Glyn Morgan, and said: "This is a fantastic donation from Leekes and we'd like to say a huge thank you to all staff and customers at the Llantrisant store.

"In the last year, Ty Hafan has experienced a significant rise in the number of children and families being referred for care and support, which means our costs for providing our services has also increased.

"Ty Hafan relies almost entirely on public support of this kind, in order to continue offering its services, free of charge, to families across Wales. They desperately need the services and this £1,772 donation will help to make a big difference to their lives."



BRIDES & GROOMS



VALE CASTLE IS IN DEMAND AFTER INTERNET DANCE HIT

WHO would have thought that a video posted on line by a pair of newly-weds would result in a Vale wedding venue getting enquiries from around the world?

Yet, that is the surprising consequence of a wedding that took place at Fonmon Castle almost three years ago.

For that special occasion, the happy couple had spent weeks rehearsing the final dance scene from the film *Dirty Dancing*, and the video was posted on line and became an internet sensation.

There has been a lasting spin-off, as Sir Brooke Boothby of Fonmon Castle explained. He said: "That video is now approaching nine million hits, which is amazing.

"As Fonmon Castle was mentioned in the video, I am sure that must be one reason that we are holding weddings involving couples from around the world."

Although he emphasised that the majority of weddings at the venue involve Welsh and UK couples, this season's bookings are from Hong Kong, New Zealand and Japan, among others.

Clearly, the key thing here is that word 'castle'. If it were 'Fonmon House' or Fonmon Court', it might not have quite the same cachet for a young couple.

Sir Brooke said: "In fact, here in south Wales, there are not that many venues that are castles. There are more in north Wales, and also in England, but we have definitely seen a benefit as a result."

He added that the internet video helped in attracting initial enquiries, but clinching the deal depended on the venue's reputation for reliability, helpfulness and flexibility.

In fact, Fonmon recently hosted a full Muslim wedding, where the traditions are very different, but the staff at the venue had coped with all the requirements in their stride.

It has also led to some unusual consequences. For instance, Sir Brooke has had to put up a second flagpole!

He explained: "This came about when we hosted a Chinese wedding. They wanted to fly the Chinese flag, and it was explained to me that it would be considered a grave insult if that flag was positioned below the Welsh flag.

"The only solution was to put up a second flagpole!

"Actually, this worked out quite well, because we recently hosted a wedding where Welsh rugby players were guests.

"The bride was English and the groom was Welsh, so we were able to fly both the Welsh Dragon and the Cross of St George."

He added that the Welsh rugby stars were a touch put out that the flag of the 'old enemy' was so prominent!

The attraction of the castle brand to foreign visitors means there is an economic spin-off elsewhere in the Vale, because the influx of wedding guests all need to find places to stay at hotels in the Vale.

It could be argued that the *Dirty Dancing* video must have had its day by now. However, the internet is such that as one door closes, another one opens.

Think of getting married in a castle and what comes to mind?

It has to be the woman dubbed the 'wicked step-mother' by the tabloids.

Carolyn Bourne was the woman who e-mailed her prospective step-daughter, detailing what she believed to be her shortcomings.

When that e-mail was forwarded on, it soon 'went viral' and there can be few people who haven't read what she had to say.

What were her views on choosing a wedding venue?

It was short and succinct, and went like this: *"No one gets married in a castle unless they own it."*

Phew, that would cut the number of eligible couples quite considerably!

Still, one suspects that this is an example of that old adage: *There's no such thing as bad publicity!*

by PHILIP IRWIN

WHEN TO MARRY?

THERE'S an old rhyme that says a marriage's future depends on the month in which it take place. Do you think its true?

January – Marry when the year is new, he'll be loving, kind and true.

February – When February birds do mate, you wed nor dread your fate.

March – If you wed when March winds blow, joy and sorrow both you'll know.

April – Marry in April if you can, joy for maiden and for man.

May – Marry in the month of May, you will romance the day.

June – Marry when June roses grow and over land and sea you'll go.

July – Those who in July do wed must labour for their daily bread.

August – Whoever wed in August be, many a change is sure to see.

September – Marry in September's shine so that your life is rich and fine.

October – If in October you do marry, love will come but riches tarry.

November – If you wed in bleak November, only joys will come, remember!

December – When December's snows fall fast, marry and your love will last.

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The Armed Forces Covenant cements Vale relationship with the Services





MILITARY personnel from MoD St Athan and their families were among the guests invited to witness the signing of the first Armed Forces Covenant in Wales.

The Vale of Glamorgan is a stronghold for military personnel, past, present and future and it also boasts a large reservist unit at *HMS Cambria*, as well as numerous Cadet Forces for each of the Services.

So it was no surprise that the Vale Council was keen to show their commitment and support to the Service community by being the first Local Authority in Wales to sign the covenant.

The covenant is an agreement between the Armed Forces community, the government and the nation. Its purpose is to ensure that veterans and current personnel and their families have access to the services and support they need both during and after active service.

It is something that the council has supported and its Welfare Pathways, a scheme to assist military personnel with information in the community, was keenly supported by both the provider and end-user alike. It was fitting to commemorate Armed Forces Week 2011 with the added event which took place in the Barry Memorial Hall on June 23.

Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, addressed the hall with an overview of what the covenant meant, and how it was going to be applied by the council.

He explained how modern technology would assist in helping to put military personnel and their families in touch with services from both the council and external agencies with just one phone call.

Prior to the signing event, call-centre personnel were on hand to explain how the service works and to demonstrate the new website facility.

The Royal British Legion Standard Bearers, a Standard Bearer from the Air Training Corps, and the Royal Air Force St Athan Voluntary Band were all on hand to add to the ceremonial flavour of the day.

The signatories were Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Brigadier Russ Wardle, Commander 160 (Wales) Brigade and Head of the Army in Wales, Nikki Peterson, of the Forces' HIVE Information Service and Rachel O'Connor, Executive Director of the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services.

Commanding Officer No 4 School of Technical Training, Wing Commander Lyndon Jones, said: "The Vale Council has always been proactive in their approach to ensuring that Service personnel, whether regulars, reservists or retired, have full access to facilities and services.

"The signing of the Armed Forces Covenant cements these bonds at a poignant time for both our communities and I know that the welfare of future families will always be paramount for all the various parties who are here to support the scheme."

To find out more about life in the Armed Forces and living in The Vale, visit the council's website at www.vale-ofglamorgan.gov.uk/living/armed_forces

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Air Cadets sample life on the (reservoir) wave

RECENTLY, six Air cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron swapped the air for the sea last week when they learned to sail with the Torfaen Sea cadets at Llandegfedd reservoir, near Pontypool.

On arrival, the cadets were given a safety brief, issued with their safety equipment and were taught basic seamanship skills prior to sailing the topper boats.

Soon the cadets were out on the reservoir putting their land training into practice on the water.

Throughout the day, they successfully completed their level 1 Royal Yachting Association sailing course.

The cadets demonstrated a level of understanding of how to sail the boat with hands on experience of steering and basic sailing skills.

They also learnt about launching and recovery, steering with and against the wind and parts of the boat.

Cadet James Harris said: "It was an exhausting but amazing experience which everyone enjoyed".

Cadet Leah Veale said: "At times we reached speeds of 10 knots which was exhilarating. Sailing was really funny as every now and again cadets were heard falling off the boat into the water".

The cadets who took part were – James Harris, Carl Chaplin, Megan Hamblin, Leah Veale, Marcus Cocks and David Singleton.

The cadets are now preparing themselves for a busy and challenging couple of months including, flying, gliding, shooting, sport, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and adventurous training exercises.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13–18 years old.

The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm–9.30pm, behind Adams Funeral Parlour or your can phone the Squadron on 01446 747734 or email oc.372@aircadets.org for more information about joining or the Air Training Corps.

Valeways walks

ON Monday, July 25 at 7pm, Parks to Barrage, starting from Penarth cliff top car park.

On Tuesday, July 26 at 1.30pm, views of countryside and coast, starting from Dinas Powys Common at the entrance to Twn Cyn.

On Thursday, July 28 at 7pm, west from Welsh St Donats, starting at the roadside close to the church.

NEWYDDION/YSGOL SANT BARUC/NEWS

Book quiz in Aberystwyth

THURSDAY, June 16 was an exciting time for Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc's as the school reached the final of the National book quiz in Aberystwyth.

Congratulations on getting to the final and representing not only the school but the Vale!

They received second prize for their dramatic performance.

A huge thank you to Miss Sullivan and Mrs Hughes for preparing this group of talented pupils.

Cwis llyfrau yn Aberystwyth



ROEDD dydd Iau 16eg o Fehefin yn ddiwrnod pwysig yn hanes Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc wrth i ni gyrraedd rownd derfynol y Cwis Llyfrau Cenedlaethol yn Aberystwyth. Llongyfarchiadau am gyrraedd y rownd derfynol ac am gynrychioli nid yn unig yr ysgol, ond Bro Morgannwg hefyd! Roedd perfformiodd y plant yn wych.

Enillon nhw yr ail wobr am eu perfformiad dramatic. Mae'r ysgol gyfan yn falch iawn ohonoch. Diolch yn fawr iawn i Mrs Hughes a Miss Sullivan am baratoi'r gr_p hwn o ddisgyblion dawnus.

Penarth & District Ramblers treading a well-worn path...

ON a fine morning, nine walkers joined Nick just north-east of Abergavenny, and close to their intended first target Ysgyryd Fawr, from the Welsh for'shattered' – which describes the distinctive shape of the hill.

Almost immediately, they began to climb through Caer Wood before reaching the ridgeway where a short refreshment break was taken near the trig point standing at 486 metres, to drink in stunning views of Abergavenny, Blorenge, and Sugar Loaf Mountain and the panoramic Monmouthshire countryside.

The group entered sheep-filled fields at The Arwallt and crossing the Full Brook joined part of Offa's Dyke path.

By now, temperatures were beginning to soar and reaching Gaggle Street with its well kept allotment garden, they began to climb gradually, crossing the River Trothy and glad of the slight breeze as they got higher to reach White Castle to have a break for water to cool down, and some Welsh cakes!

Castell Gwyn or White Castle stands on a hill and was built as one of the trilateral castles to guard the Monnow Valley which was an important route from Hereford to south Wales, the other castles being Grosmont and Skenfrith.

Its history dates back to around 1075 and all three castles saw action during the rebellion by the very famous name in Welsh history, Owain Glyndwr, but by 1538, all three castles were abandoned and fell into ruins and in 1922 White Castle was handed over to the state and is now maintained by CADW.

A series of minor roads tracks and fields led them back to the B4521 where they passed the famous Walnut Tree Inn, a well renowned restaurant since the 1960s, but which is closed on a Sunday!

Turning off the main road, they deviated through the small hamlet of Brynygwenin to climb a fairly steep hill before joining the Beacons Way and following a minor path between houses, where an overgrown path led them into fields for the short journey back to their start point.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Pupils throw a Blooming Great tea Party in school!



ON Friday, July 1, year-2 children from Gladstone Primary School held a 'Blooming Great Tea Party' in their infant hall, to raise money for Marie Curie.

The event was coordinated by Mrs Val Davies, an LSA at the school and cakes, coffee and tea were served, together with stalls and a raffle.

The children prepared leaflets for the event and sang a song to celebrate the life and discoveries of Marie Curie herself.

As part of Gladstone's ongoing drive towards environmentally sustainable growth, the children also made and sold carrier bags from old newspapers.

Over £230 was raised and the school would like to thank the many parents, staff and friends who showed their support by attending.

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£200 catch for the homeless charity!



Left to right: Coun Richard Bertin, Jaspal Singh, Sam Austin (Llamau) and Paul Thomas (Llamau).

HOMELESSNESS charity, Llamau, has received £200 from a recently opened local fish and chip shop towards one of its supported houses in Barry.

Mr Jaspal Singh, owner of Barry's Catch in Barry Road donated the money to Llamau's Ty John Rowley project. The house accommodates and supports young people, helping them to gain the skills to live independently after they have been made homeless.

Llamau's Director of operations, Sam Austin, commented: "Our work is all about helping our young people become part of their local communities, so it's really important that we have the support of local businesses.

"This donation from Mr Singh will go towards a new angling project which will provide our young people at Ty John Rowley with practical skills and knowledge which will be invaluable when they move on and become independent."

Local councillor, Richard Bertin, who recommended Llamau's work to Mr Singh, said "This kind donation from Barry's Catch is fantastic news for Ty John Rowley. The donation will go a long way, and I am pleased that owner, Jaspal, has decided to give it to a charity in the Court Ward."



Bryn Hafren 'winners' enjoying a day out at the airport. The visit included a tour of air traffic control, the airport fire station, a security briefing and check-in demonstration.

SCHOOL'S LESSONS IN MULTI-LANGUAGE SKILLS

SIXTEEN Bryn Hafren Comprehensive pupils earned a place on a tour of Cardiff Airport in July, as part of an ongoing project between the airport and the Barry school.

It was part of a scheme called 'Business Language Champions' established by CILT Cymru ,which aims to encourage pupils to study modern foreign languages at GCSE level and above. It was set up in response to the decline in the availability and level of language skills in the UK.

Airport representatives visited the school to discuss the benefits of speaking different languages in the aviation industry, and a languages survey was undertaken by staff at the airport asking what languages they spoke and if it was beneficial to speak other languages in the workplace.

The pupils were then tasked to analyse the surveys and present their findings to airport representatives and their classmates, and to give a language lesson teaching useful French and Spanish phrases which could be used by customer facing staff in everyday airport life.

The winning groups, chosen by the airport, were taken on a tour which included a visit to the air traffic control tower, a demonstration of check-in procedures, a visit to the fire station, a talk by the security team and an insight in to delivering customer services at the airport.

Winning pupil Bethan Gould from Bryn Hafren said of her visit: "I really enjoyed the day at the airport because it was really interesting to see all the different jobs available. I now know that languages are very useful to have when applying for jobs and overall the trip was a good experience."

Chloe Davies, who also won a place on the visit added: "Going on this trip made me realise how important it is to learn languages and all the jobs you could get by knowing different languages. I am glad I had the chance to go!"

SUN CAME OUT FOR SULLY SUMMER FETE



Hook a duck: The children loved stalls run by their teachers.



THE sun looked ***kindly on the latest fundraising activity for Sully School for its annual summer fete, in complete contrast to its recent barbecue which saw the umbrellas come out!***

The field and playground were filled with children, their families and staff as well as residents of Sully who traditionally support the event organised by the school's PTA (Parent Teacher Association).

The annual event again raised several thousand pounds to buy additional equipment and resources for the school.

Headteacher, Mrs Hart, said: "The funds raised by the fete, and other activities undertaken by the PTA, will impact on the school and what we are able to provide for the children".

Chris Fletcher, PTA chairman, reported: "We raised £3,000 in three hours, with the generous support of the parents and friends of Sully School."

LEFT: Face painting was popular with the younger children and tattoos and coloured hair spray was a hit with the older children.



ABOVE: Vale AM Jane Hutt with Vale artists.

VOGA and MIND summer exhibition

THE VOGA and MIND summer exhibition is now open at Barry Town Station.

As well as refreshments and newspapers, the Travellers Cafe and Gallery at the station is hosting a unique exhibition which was opened by Jane Hutt AM last weekend, who was "particularly pleased" to see paintings from Steven Miller's art class at the Ty Newydd Centre in Barry. which has been very popular.

Group's plan for an arts centre

WE are a group of Barry residents who believe that the town and its people deserve the best!

To this end, we are aiming to establish an arts centre to serve the Barry and Vale community, either in the old Porthkerry Road Methodist Church or the Windsor Road United Reform Church.

We have recently applied for regeneration money from the Vale Council. We are now looking for volunteers with the following skills: fundraising/writing bids, arts development, media skills, events management, building project experience, accountancy and legal skills.

If you have bags of enthusiasm and commitment and you'd like to join us in this exciting venture, please contact chairperson, Mrs Dorothy Connell on 07958590365.

Pat Temple-Murray, (Secretary, Canolfan Porthceri Centre)

ARTHUR ZIPS DOWN FOR A CHARITY!



FUNERAL Director Arthur Thompson from AG Adams & Son, Barry, took part in the Zip slide across Cardiff City Stadium for Marie Curie cancer care and raised £200 for the charity.

Penarth flower arranging

ON Wednesday, July 27, at 7.30pm, the Penarth Flower Arrangement Club is holding a demonstration evening with Ms Cynthia Preston-Jones from Bucknell, Shropshire.

The group meets at the Masonic Hall, Stanwell Road, Penarth. Everyone is made welcome. *For further information telephone Ann on 029 2070 3605.*

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'Karen's Cause' gets off to a flying start at Barry Rugby Club!



ABOVE: 'Karen's Cause' supporters sold out Barry Rugby Club earlier this month and raised a total of £1,170.

LOCAL fundraising efforts to enable a young Barry mum to have a revolutionary new cancer treatment had a major boost at Barry Rugby Club on July 8.

Three weeks ago, Karen Holroyd, aged 31, told The GEM how she hoped to have 'cyberknife treatment' as a means of combating cervical cancer.

The treatment does not come free on the NHS and costs £22,000.

Backed by her consultant who believes she should be considered for 'cyberknife', Karen and her friends have planned a number of fundraising events.

She explained: "The first time I was diagnosed (in 2010) I did not cope well, because of all the upset and uncertainty.

"This time, the fundraising and 'cyberknife' have helped me deal with it and given me hope."

So how did the event at the rugby club go?

Karen said: "Thanks to the local community, it was a complete success and we raised £1,170.

"We have also organised a 'Wild West Night' on August 27 at 7pm at the Buccaneer."

Anyone wanting to help 'Karen's Cause' should call 07703 778 419; or email karen-scause@hotmail.co.uk; or go to www.karen-scause.co.uk.



Legion attends civic service

PICTURED are members of Barry branch of the Royal British Legion who attended the civic service held at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Barry for Coun Bronwen Brooks, the Mayor of Barry. The service took place on Sunday, July 17. A civic reception was held in Barry Memorial Hall and the Royal British Legion members are pictured at the Memorial Hall, Cenotaph, Barry.

Cadstock hopes for a good time

CADSTOCK, the musical party, is returning to the bandstand at Victoria Park in Cadoxton this weekend, July 23-24.

Admission is free and the event will run from 1pm to 5.30pm over the two days.

The line-up for Saturday starts with local rock and blues band Padded Cell and DJ Owen will keep the music flowing between the sets.

Blues Central, are up next with a mix of traditional and modern blues.

Then crowd favourites, Shooting the Moon are on, playing some rock classics and some of their own new material.

Finally, headline band Freeway return to rock the park and finish off Saturday in rocking style.

Sunday will see a more mellow start with local folk singer Davy Cartwright, who has been getting quite a bit of airplay in the USA with his recently released album.

He will perform with his 'partner in folk' Rum Daisy. Following that are The Deadbeats, an up and coming local duo who have been likened to the White Stripes and are building up a big local following.

There's a tribute to classic soul legends from BK the Soul Man, and to conclude, the Reservoir Cats.

A spokesman for the festival emphasised: "Cadstock is not just about the music though, as there will also be bouncy castles, a coconut shy and other stalls to have a go at.

"There are delicious homemade cakes for sale, as well as all the usual refreshments.

Park manager Jon Greatrex added: " I cannot wait for this year's Cadstock, it's bigger and better than last year and I hope people will come and have a fantastic time in Victoria Park.

"This has got to be one of the nicest venues for outdoor concerts in the Vale. It is a real pleasure to be involved with Cadstock again and I hope everyone has a rockin good time."

Supermarket gives a boost to charity for children



Ian Hunt, managing director of Filco Supermarkets (right) with Sebastian Morgan-Clare of Tros Gynnal.

FILCO supermarkets have been praised for successfully reaching the £40,000 mark in a fundraising partnership with a Welsh children's charity.

Tros Gynnal Plant, which supports vulnerable children and young people throughout Wales, says that the supermarket staff's fundraising campaign, launched in August last year, has already made a real difference to the lives of many children in Wales.

Roger Bishop, executive director of Tros Gynnal Plant, said: "We thank the staff and management of Filco Supermarkets for their tireless and dedicated work with our fundraising team over the past nine months, in raising this magnificent sum for our work.

"Filco's efforts help to fund advocates and independent visitors who work with children and young people in the care system who often have no contact with their birth families, bringing them the vital support they need to meet life's many challenges."

Fundraising events organised by Filco branches include a Las Vegas Night, quizzes, a barbecue at the Cowbridge Food Festival, and last month a Michael Jackson Thriller tribute event.

More than 60 staff ran in the Cardiff half-marathon for Tros Gynnal and to raise awareness, appeared in 'Chariots of Filco' a video tribute to the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*, which this year commemorates 30 years since release.

Staff members also competed in the 'Three Marvellous Welsh Mountains Challenge' in May this year and suppliers and local contractors supported Nathan Walmsley, Filco's sales manager who ran for Tros Gynnal in the London Marathon.

Ian Hunt, managing director of Filco Supermarkets, said: *"This fundraising success is a testament to the dedication of our staff in going that extra mile and working hard to support this vital Welsh charity.*

"In addition to the tremendous fundraising programme, each and every month 170 of our staff contribute to Tros Gynnal through payroll giving, and our North Cornelly store runs a weekly raffle, so this is full-on support.

"We believe in playing a lead role in supporting the local communities where we are based and it is pleasing to see our fundraising efforts having a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable children across our region."

Journeys theme of artists' exhibition



RIGHT: Jane Hutt, Ceri Thomas, Heather Eastes and Ken Elias at the Pierhead building exhibition.

ARTIST and art historian Ceri Thomas has completed portraits of Barry composer, Grace Williams, athlete, Colin Jackson and introduced the Heritage Coast artist, Joan Baker, to Vale residents.

Jane Hutt AM, who has admired his work for many years, said she was especially pleased to host the 'Three Artists' exhibition at the Pierhead and Senedd last week. The Cardiff Bay exhibition features Ceri's work alongside Ken Elias and Heather Eastes from the Welsh Group of artists.

The exhibition which is based on the theme of 'journeys' is displayed at the Pierhead Building and in the Oriel of the Senedd and the opening reception was attended by Assembly Members, fellow artists and friends.

Ms Hutt commented: "With thoughtful self portraits, Ceri Thomas has taken us on a journey alongside mid and west Wales artists, Heather Eastes and Ken Elias, with their work displayed in the Senedd and Pierhead Building.

"Their inspiring work provided the opportunity for visitors and Assembly Members to pause to reflect alongside the lively political events of last week."

Barry tourist railway has a special visitor



Left to right: John Buxton, Michael Portillo and Brian Mills (permanent way advisor to the Barry Rail Centre).

BARRY Tourist Railway this week welcomed former UK cabinet minister and now television presenter, Michael Portillo, to the railway at the start of its summer schedule that will see trains running at the tourist railway every weekend of the school holidays.

John Buxton, chairman of the Cambrian Group that now operates the Barry Rail Centre, said: "We were delighted to welcome Michael Portillo to Barry and to the Barry Tourist Railway.

"Michael is currently filming a new series of his BBC television programme *Great British Railway Journeys*, and filming was done in Barry that will feature in the third series of the highly-popular programme."

Eisteddfod appeal

OUR target for the western Vale of £42,500 is slowly but surely reducing, as we have held a number of successful events and had some generous donations.

Heather Leader did a coffee morning for friends and neighbours and raised £105. A group of us braved the mixed weather for the Victorian fayre and collected £167.

The next day, the heavens shone on us and a garden party organised by David and Dorne Harris, Llanmaes, with beautiful singing from Atlantic Chorale, raised an amazing £780.

A race night in St Athan raised a further £470, followed the next day by a boot sale in Llandow which added another £102.

A very generous group, Half Tidy, performed in a Llantrisant pub and sent a cheque for £115, with the promise of more performances in future, including one at The Horseshoes, Marcross on August 19.

Several generous donations have also been made, adding to our growing total.

We have a number of planned events coming up over the next few months and we hope that there will be a lot of support for the kind people who have arranged these for us.

We have another car boot sale at Llandow circuit on August 7 and another on September 4 (cars £5, contact Nia Williams niawilliams56@yahoo.co.uk).

There will be a fizz and fireworks evening in Llantwit on September 17, contact Sian Roberts sian.tesni@btinternet.com

A number of walking events around historic parts of the Vale have been arranged by Margaret Scott (contact mscomalt@yahoo.com) or you can telephone Ros Lewis on 01446 793530 for details of all events or to offer help.

ROS LEWIS
(Appeal coordinator, Llantwit, Llanmaes, St Athan, St Donats)

SCOUTING AND GUIDING'S BIG DAY THRILLS CROWDS AT ROMILLY PARK





Photographs
ANDY WICKS
www.valeevents.co.uk



BARRY Scout and Guide annual fete, which is thought to be the largest Scout and Guide fete in the UK, once again demonstrated that it is a firm fixture in the local calendar.

The first Scout event was held in 1933 and has become a tradition on the first Saturday in July, raising money to ensure that Scouting and Guiding continues in the area.

This year's fete, the 58th fete for the Scout and Guides, opened with a march past of the Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Rangers from across the district.

The official opening was carried out by the Vale Assembly Member, Jane Hutt. In her opening address, Ms Hutt congratulated the Scout and Guide groups on their marvellous event.

She thanked the group leaders and fete committee members for their continued input into Scouting and Guiding.

The winner of the best site was presented to the 2nd/4th Barry Scout Group. The Best Stall was presented to 11th Barry Sea Scout Group.

Cheques for the Lucky draw winners will be posted on Monday.

Following the official opening, the arena programme kept visitors entertained throughout the afternoon, with displays from the field gun display team, James Dylan's Stuntworld motorcycle display team and competitions involving the Scout and Guide groups.

The fete was well attended by members of the movements, their friends, family and residents of Barry District.

A great day was enjoyed by everyone, which helps to promote Scouting and Guiding and raise valuable funds for the groups taking part.

The Scout and Guide fete committee would like to thank everyone who attended and a big thank you is also deserved to those who helped set up and run the fete, the countless helpers setting up the stalls, the parents and friends organising each group's contributions; and in particular the sponsors and patrons who provide the much needed financial support: the Vale Council, Barry Town Council, St John's Ambulance and South Wales Police.

Finally on behalf of the Scouting and Guiding community, we would like to thank the leaders who week by week provide the time and energy to run the Scout and Guide groups within Barry and the District.

The winners of the Lucky Programme Draw were: First, £250, Kieron Clarke of Barry; second, £50, Chris Morgan of Barry; third, £25, Sian Lane of Barry.

GARETH JOHNS



NEWYDDION YSGOL SANT BARUC NEWS

Pupils pay visit to Cardiff Bay

Trip Blwyddyn 6 i Fae Caerdydd

AR y 21ain o Fehefin 2011 aeth blwyddyn 6 ar ymweliad addysgol i Fae Caerdydd.

Aethon nhw i'r Senedd a chyfarfod â Jane Hutt. Cawsom gyfle i holi Jane Hutt am weithdrefnau a digwyddiadau yn y cynulliad. Ar ôl ymweld â'r cynulliad cawsom i gyd hufen ia blasus!

Year-6's trip to Cardiff Bay!

ON June 21, year-6 went on a trip to Cardiff bay.

They visited the National Assembly building and met Vale AM Jane Hutt. They were able to ask Jane Hutt different questions about how the Assembly is run. After visiting the assembly building we all had an ice - cream - yum yum!

Swyddfa'r Post

YN ystod yr hanner tymor diwethaf ac fel rhan o'u thema 'Pobl sydd yn ein helpu' bu disgyblion y dosbarth Derbyn Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc yn ymweld â'r swyddfa bost lleol ar y Stryd Fawr.

Cawsom gyfle i brynu stamp, postio llythyr i'w cartref a hyd yn oed cyfarfod Postmon go iawn!

Post Office

DURING the last half term, and as part of their work on 'People who help us' children from the reception class at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc visited the local Post Office on High Street.

They had the opportunity to buy a stamp, post a letter to their home and even met a real life Postman Pat!

Mabolgampau'r dosbarth

AR y 21ain o Fehefin 2011 cynhaliwyd Mabolgampau i ddosbarthiadau'r Feithrin a Derbyn yn Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc.

Cafodd pawb amser gwych, a gwneud eu gorau glas. Enillwyr y Mabolgampau oedd Llywelyn ond perfformiodd pob llys yn wych.

Sports day

ON June 21, the nursery and reception classes from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc held their annual sports day.

We saw some fast runners but the overall winning house was Llywelyn. Everyone tried their best and gave a lot of support to their house team!

Mabolgampau

AR y 20fed o Fehefin *2011 aeth blynyddoedd, 1 -6 i Barc Jenner i gymryd rhan yn ein mabolgampau.*

Cafodd pawb amser gwych, a gwneud eu gorau glas. Bu'r plant yn rhedeg, taflu a neidio heb anghofio'r rasys enwog i'r athrawon a rhieni.

Enillwyr y Mabolgampau oedd Glynd_r ond perfformiodd pob llys yn wych. Diolch i Mr Kenyon am drefnu'r Mabolgampau.

Rydym i gyd yn gwerthfawrogi dy waith caled a dy amser. Diolch hefyd i chi rieni a theuluoedd a ddaeth i gefnogi'r plant a chymryd rhan yn rasys y rhieni.

Ysgrifennwyd yr erthygl yma gan Ceinwen a Sophie, blwyddyn 6.

Sports day!

ON June 20, year-1 to year-6 took part in the school's sports day at Jenner Park.

They had a really good day and enjoyed every minute! Events included running, long jump and javelin along with the famous teacher and parent races!



ABOVE: At the National Assembly building

RIGHT: The winning tennis team.

The winning house team was Glyndwr. Everyone tried their best and gave a lot of support to their house team!

Thank you to Mr. Kenyon for organizing the sports day. We all appreciate your hard work.

Thank you to the adults who came to support and who took part in the races, we hope nobody was too stiff on Tuesday!

Report written by Ceinwen and Sophie, year-6.



Gwersi Beicio

AR ddydd llun y 27 o Fehefin dechreuodd wythnos o wersi beicio i flwyddyn 6 Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc.

Dechreuodd y gwersi ar fuarth yr ysgol cyn mentro i'r ffordd fawr. Roedd y disgyblion wrth eu bodd yn y gwersi ac yn gytûn eu bod yn teimlo dipyn yn fwy hyderus a diogel wrth feicio ar y ffordd fawr.

Bicycle lessons

ON Monday, June 27 a week of bicycle lessons started for year-6 pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc.

The lessons started in the school yard before venturing out on to the road. The pupils enjoyed the lessons and they were all in agreement that they felt much safer and more confident when cycling on the road now.



ABOVE: Posting a letter

Tenis!

LLONGYFARCHIADAU enfawr i'r tîm tennis o flwyddyn 5.

Aeth Dafydd Jones, Connor Bright, Lewis Davies, a Alfie Davies gyda'u hyfforddwr Mr Kenyon i Ysgol Ynys y Barri. Enillon nhw'r twrnament yn erbyn nifer o ysgolion eraill yn y Barri. Llongyfarchiadau mawr i chi fechgyn.

Tennis!

HUGE congratulation to the tennis team from class 5.

Dafydd Jones, Connor Bright, Lewis Davies, and Alfie Davies along with their coach Mr Kenyon travelled to Barry Island school. They won the tournament against the other schools from Barry. Well done boys!

EH

Peterston pupils enjoy an old fashioned sports day – *but with more than a few modern touches!*

WHEN Peterston-super-Ely Primary School held its sports day, there were the traditional events such as sack races and the ever-popular egg and spoon.

However, there were some modern events too, including a rugby relay race, and a space hopper sprint!



A false start as an untamed space hopper throws its rider!



PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON





























WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Evan Williams – **Aberogwrn Farm, Llancarfan** – staff accommodation and horse owners' reception building.

Mr and Mrs Christopher Smith – **23 Stacey Road, Dinas Powys** – two storey extension to rear and garage rebuilt to form music room.

Mr Duncan Barber – **Llandough House, Llandough** – alterations/extension to existing house.

Mrs Nasreen Pearce – **5 Button Ride, St Nicholas** – demolish existing uPVC conservatory and build new single storey family room extension.

Mr Evan Williams – **Aberogwrn Farm, Llancarfan** - location of three portable staff caravans at rear of existing shed at the farm.

Westbourne School – **GM2 House, Plymouth Road, Penarth** – change of use from office (Class B1) to student accommodation/student boarding house (Class C1).

Coffee#1 – **13 Windsor Road, Penarth** – change of use from retail (Class A1) to mixed use A1/A3 coffee shop.

Herbert R Thomas – **Upper House Farm, East Aberthaw** – conversion of redundant agricultural stone barn and associated former pig sties to a single residential dwelling.

1st Dinas Powys Scout Group – **1st Dinas Powys Scout Group, 9 Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed replacement of building to rear of Scout Hall.

Mrs Selina Withey – **15 Albert Crescent, Penarth** – canopy to side elevation of property.

Mrs Sue Kelly – **8 Breaksea Close, Sully** – rear dormer.

Tesco Stores Limited – **The Castle Oak public house, The Parade, Dinas Powys** – installation of three air conditioning units and one condenser unit.

Tesco Stores Limited – **The Castle Oak public house, The Parade, Dinas Powys** – various signs.

Mr Peter Treadwell – **18A Park Road, Barry** – replace existing conservatory with new orangery construction. Footprint to remain.

Mr James – **47 Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys** – lean to conservatory to rear of dwelling.

Mr Simon Rogers – **28 Ael y Coed, Barry** – alteration to door/window position of ground floor rear extension (approval 2011/00178/FUL).

Mr Evans – **6 Cliff Wood View, Barry** – conservatory to rear elevation.

Mr and Mrs Bowen – **Penmark Farm Cottage, Penmark** – single storey conservatory.

Mr David Thurlbeck – **25 Tyle House Close, Llanmaes** - conversion of existing garage and construction of new garage to side elevation.

Mr John Stephenson – **7 John Street, Penarth** – new dormer to rear of existing dwelling to utilise loft space.

Mr Tim McIlveen – **Fontygary Leisure Park, Rhoose** – retrospective consent to erect two directional signs.

Ms Masters – **48 Brean Close, Sully** – double-hipped style conservatory to rear of dwelling.

Mr Nigel Burbage – **Upalong, Penyturnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – log cabin.

Mr Graham Matthews – **1 Elfed Avenue, Penarth** – single storey extension to rear and detached garage to rear.

Mr Murphy – **Redwood House, Well Lane, St Nicholas** – to fell one Cedrus Atlantica and one Leylandii.

United World Cottage of the Atlantic – **St Donat's Castle, St Donats, Llantwit Major** – installation of a two storey modular building to be used as dormitory accommodation during rebuilding works, for a limited period of two years.

Mr and Mrs Philip Lougher – **land to the south of B4265 and south west of Seaview** – construction of replacement farmhouse, construction of replacement and new farm buildings, and construction of tourist accommodation in lieu of previously authorised conversions.

Mr Justin Evans – **Ty Draw Barn, St Andrews Major** – barn conversion and extension to form a residential dwelling.

Mr Ian Cummins – **5 Tan y Fron, Barry** – single storey extension to the rear of the property.

Mr Christian Pedersen – **Unit 42, Vale Business Park, Cowbridge** – vehicular entrance and gate across the verge at the northern boundary of Unit 42 from unnamed road connecting to the B4270.

Mr Alistair Dalton – **Hillcrest, Penylan Road, St Brides Major** – demolish existing dormer bungalow and construct new dormer bungalow.

Mr Vivian Price – **Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan** – erection of new agricultural building to be used for hay, straw and machinery storage.

Mr Allen Brown – **Argae House, St Andrews Major, Dinas Powys** - replacement of 12 stables individually located with 12 stables within a single building.

Mr GL Emanuel – **The Grange, 19 Baroness Place, Penarth** – proposed integral garage conversion.

Ms Lesley Taylor – **Barn B, Doghill Farm, Dyffryn** – retention of photovoltaic solar panels.

Mr David Thomas – **Maendy Isaf House, Trehyngyll Road, Maendy** – single storey extensions to both sides and rear of a detached farm house providing ground floor accommodation and facilities for a disabled person.

Mr Simmons – **4 Birch Lane, Penarth** – replacement of flat roof to existing rear single storey extension with new pitched roof.

Mr TW Dyke – **86 Cosmeston Drive, Lavernock, Penarth** – new conservatory extension to rear of property.

Mrs Davies – **28 Colcot Road, Barry** – new single storey side extension.

Ann Nicola David – **20 High Street, Cowbridge** – demolition of existing toilet block annexe. Construction of two storey extension to rear and alterations to existing listed building. Change of use to A2 (restaurant) use at ground floor and A2 (financial and professional) use at first floor (as defined within the Town and Country Planning (Use classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

Mr Richard Thomas – **89 South Road, Sully** – demolition of existing bungalow. Erection of new dwelling.

Mrs Sam Williams – **Bonvilston Cottage, Bonvilston** – to completely re-roof the building, including the front and rear verandas and front lead roofs to the porch. The renewal of the existing roof window with a conservation rooflight and also the replacement of the existing plastic rainwater goods with cast iron.

Mr John Rees – **Springdale, West Street, Llantwit Major** – detached double garage.

Mr Kenneth Coombes – **16 Great Thomas Close, Rhoose** – single storey extension to side/front of dwelling, special needs unit for the disabled – bedroom, shower/WC and associated works.

Ms L Seal – **91 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – proposed single storey rear extension.

Mr Marc Stafford – **8 Marine Drive, Barry** – front porch with balcony over.

Mr Ray Clark – **5 Seaview Place, Llantwit Major** – rear single storey extension, conservatory and detached double garage.

Mr J Higham – **playing fields at the rear of No 26 The Verlands, Cowbridge** – 30 per cent reduction of sycamore/Norway maple.

Mr Duncan – **4 White House, Barry** – remove section down to ground level on pine tree.

PUKKA Productions – **37 Main Street, Barry** – change of use required from retail A1 to D1 class. Building was previously used as a motor factors, we plan to use it as a theatre and dance school.

Hawkins Investment Properties – **The Furniture Warehouse, Broad Street, Barry** – to apply for retrospective planning consent for roofing to service yard (infill to existing block wall and existing shop/premises) and demolition of roller shutter doors.

Tesco Stores Limited – **The Castle Oak Public House, The Parade, Dinas Powys** – installation of ATM.

Tesco Stores Limited – **The Castle Oak Public House, The Parade, Dinas Powys** – installation of new shop front and external alterations.

Harris Pye UK Ltd – **Units 5 and 6, Sutton Road, Llandow** – change of use from last use for storage and distribution (Class B8) to general industrial engineering (Class B2) with ancillary offices.

Mrs Dawn Richardson – **12 York Place, Barry** - change of use from offices to beauty salon. Treatments include prescription/medical treatments; medical/dietician/chiropody/physiotherapy consultations.

Mr Andrew Marytsch – **4 St Baruch Close, Dinas Powys** – single storey rear extension.

Mr John Pellew – **5 Llandough Hill, Llandough, Penarth** – construction of a concrete double garage in the site of an existing single garage.

Mr Ian McPherson – **Bel Air, 59 Craig Yr Eos Road, Ogmore By Sea** – extension and alteration of the single storey bungalow to create two bedrooms in the roof space – resubmission of withdrawn application 2011/00289/FUL.

Mr Sam Beach – **Maescrofta Stables, adjacent to Ty Maen Farm, Ystradowen** – horse menage.

Mr Atherton – **37 Catkin Drive, Penarth** – erection of pre-cast concrete garage within curtilage of boundaries.

Calon Lodge Limited – **Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol** – proposed single storey events complex comprising two linked buildings on site of existing poolhouse, with association vehicle turning space and associated works. Also proposed is an additional car park area (approximately 80 spaces).

Mr Phillip Finlay – **former Wesley Court Centre, Station Road, Dinas Powys** – replacement of former village hall building with gated residential mews development comprising six four-bed semi-detached; two/three storey houses and two two-bed apartments in a single two storey building, all with private car parking and amenity space.

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- First floor (no lift)
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Warden on site
- Parking
- Communal entrance

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H4U Reference 215930
Suitable for a family
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

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PONTALUN CLOSE, BARRY



H4U Reference 221197
Suitable for a single person or couple over 40
Priority will be given to applicants with mobility needs
- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £72.23 per week including service charges

HOMES4U SERVICE

As part of the continuing improvement of the HOMES4U scheme, we have recently sent out letters and customer satisfaction forms.

If you wish to remain on the waiting list, you must sign and return the form within 28 days of the date on the letter. If the form is not received within this time your application may be cancelled.

CHANGES TO THE BRONZE PRIORITY BAND

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing excellent housing options advice to customers, the Bronze banding has changed. For those applicants who are unlikely to be rehoused with the HOMES4U partnership, we will write advising of this, and discuss alternative housing options.

If you feel that your application has been banded incorrectly, you can advise the HOMES4U team in writing, giving your reasons. The banding will then be re assessed and, if warranted, a new priority will be awarded.

In addition, should any circumstances change or worsen, there is still an opportunity to re-apply to become a member of HOMES4U.

For all queries relating to the review or changes to the bronze band, or if you have any other questions about HOMES4U, contact the HOMES4UHotline on 01446 709840.

RUDDLAN WAY, DINAS POWYS



H4U Reference 1072771
Suitable for a small family
- Two-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

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TUSCAN CLOSE, LLANDOUGH



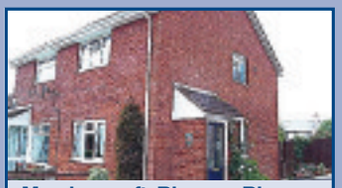
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- Two-bedroom flat
- Second floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £81.65 per week including service charge

FEEDBACK

Address	Bids	Band	Reg.
Florid Elin	85	Gold	06/11/10
Heritage Drive	158	Gold	28/02/11
Ty Gwanfo	33	Silver	07/02/11
Waverly Court	40	Silver	20/05/09

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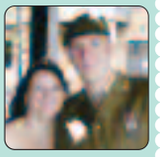
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Family Notices

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Guy



Late landlady of the Farmers Arms sadly passed away on Wednesday 13th July after a long battle with cancer. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Her daughter Lisa and son David and their six children would like to invite all that knew Rose to the Bridgend Crematorium at 14.15 on Monday 25th July followed by the wake at the Farmers Arms, St Brides Major.

Rose's family would prefer a donation to the Velindre Hospitals appeals office, Whitchurch, Cardiff, rather than sending flowers.

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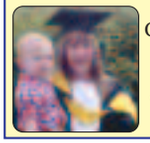
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Six Bells.

LEFT AND BELOW:
The third annual Dinas Powys football festival was a huge success with many teams taking part, as can be seen from these pictures.



Porthkerry Panthers.



Dinas Powys.





DINAS POWYS football club held its third mini-football festival recently at St Richard Gwyn school.

The weather was shocking but the rain moved away to allow more than 140 children to show off their football skills.

This year's festival was open to year-2 and year-3 players from all over south Wales.

Teams who took part were Dinas Wolves, Dinas Lions, Sebastopol FC, Six Bells, Porthkerry Panthers, Sully Scorpios, Future Windows FC, Rhiwbina and Penydarren.

The level of football on display is credit to all the coaches from the teams who give up so much time to ensure the players play the game the correct way.

Dinas Powys FC has made great efforts throughout all their age groups to build bonds with fellow clubs and this again was very evident on Saturday as all the coaches looked to organise friendlies for the coming months.

Setting up all the stalls and inflatables inside the barn allowed people the opportunity to get out of the wind, and a big thanks has to go out to all the people who worked so hard behind the scenes on the day.

Dinas Powys FC would like to thank Chris Bowsher and Kevin Shaw, both Welsh League referees, who officiated the matches in full kit.

It was a treat that all the players and coaches really appreciated and gave the players a taste of things to come.

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00654/FUL
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Location:/Lleoliad: Former Wesley Court Centre, Station Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Dinas Powys

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00691/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of a roof terrace
Location:/Lleoliad: Flat 1, 7, Royal Buildings, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00692/CAC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolish precast concrete building with asbestos cement roof to facilitate erection of replacement building located to the rear of main Scout hall
Location:/Lleoliad: Scout Hall, 9, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Dinas Powys

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00605/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Insert two steel beams in roof space to prevent further deflection of roof structure
Location:/Lleoliad: The Three Tuns, St. Nicholas
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00655/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing rear toilet block and construction of two storey rear extension to form ground floor restaurant (A3) and first floor office (A2)
Location:/Lleoliad: 20, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00661/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: To completely re-roof the building, including the front and rear verandas and front lead roofs to the porch. The renewal of the existing roof window with a conservation rooflight and also the replacement of the existing plastic rainwater goods with cast iron
Location:/Lleoliad: Bonvilston Cottage, Bonvilston
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00681/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Replacement windows to ground floor front elevations, internal alterations and removal of timber framed building to rear garden
Location:/Lleoliad: 79, Eastgate, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00684/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Removal of damaged stone slab to front porch roof and replacement with new pitched roof. Replacement of lightweight timber front door with hardwood door containing glazed infill panels
Location:/Lleoliad: Church Farmhouse, Monknash, Nr. Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

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Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00590/FUL
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Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00644/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of replacement farmhouse, construction of replacement and new farm buildings, and construction of tourist accommodation in lieu of previously authorised conversions
Location:/Lleoliad: Land to the south of B4265 and south west of Seaview, St. Athan

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2011/00680/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed single storey events complex comprising two linked buildings on site of existing poolhouse, with associated vehicle turning space and associated works. Also proposed is an additional car park area (approximately 80 spaces).
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Proposal:/Cynnig: Barn conversion and extension to form a residential dwelling
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BRYN HAFREN SPORTS DAY FEATURES ATHLETES AND THREE LEGGED TEAMS!

BRYN HAFREN Comprehensive School held its annual sports day on June 29.

Both pupils and teachers took part with the three-legged race (see pictures at the foot of the page) which tested the competitors' coordination to the full.

As you can see from Ian Dixon's photographs, whether the pupils were throwing, running or jumping, they had a great time!

PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

































St Illtyd' s are this year's school bowls champs!

ON July 12, Llantwit Bowls Club held its 17th schools' bowls final, involving St Illtyd's, Eagleswell and Llaniltud Fawr primary schools.

Children from the three schools had been coached by the club for the past six weeks. This involved 130 children.

The coaches then selected eight girls and eight boys from each school for the finals.

The games were very competitive and in two of the matches, only one shot separated the two teams.

Eagleswell did well to win one of the matches considering the school had only 30 children to pick a team from.

In fact, one boy Luke Pilcher, delayed his holidays to play.

Llaniltud Fawr played well against St Illtyds, beating them by one shot with the Llaniltud girls playing particularly well.

St Illtyds won the shield for the second year running with a great win against Eagleswell, with the boys' rinks tipping the balance.

Results: St Illtyds 38, Eagleswell 10; Llanilltud Fawr 20, St Illtyds 19; Eagleswell 21, Llanilltud Fawr 20.

Total shots scored: St Illtyds 57, Llanilltud Fawr 40, Eagleswell 31.

Many thanks to coaches and helpers for all their help over the six weeks – Mike Adams, Mick Aplin, John Ball, Val Baez, Neville Young, Etta Gray, Richie Gray, Norman Scouse, Doug Oatley, Richard George, Ambrose and Margaret Horgan.

JY













VALE REDS' FIRST END OF YEAR PRESENTATION DAY



The under-16 team.









Ethan Prosser.





ABOVE: The over-16 team with their medals.

THE Vale Reds disability football team held their end of year presentation on July 17 at Barry Rugby Club.

The rain held off in the afternoon as the event started with two football matches. The first game was the over-16 team against the coaches and players' families.

It was a hard fought game with only one goal in it at half-time.

In the second half, both teams battled well with the coaches and family members taking the victory 4-0.

The second game, against the under-16 team, saw them take the lead just before half-time with a strike from Ethan Prosser.

Again, the second half became a bit of a battle and the coaches managed to turn it around and win 4-1.

Following the football matches, a presentation was held. Medals were handed out to all the players for attending and supporting the club.

Thanks were given to everyone who attended and supported the club and awards were given to five of the players, as they had been selected to attend a trial for the Welsh disability football team.



The Welsh triallists.

The five were Mike Netherway, Mark Eveleigh, Michael Farrall, Mathew Prewett and Nicholas Latham, with Mark and Mike being selected to go forward.

Further presentations were made for the hardest working player in the under-16 and over-16 teams. These went to Ewan Heppenstall and Lewis Overton respectively.

The main award, players' player, went to under-16 Ethan Prosser and over-16 Nicholas Latham.



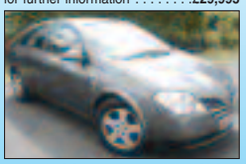
ABOVE: Nicholas Latham receives his award.

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make this presentation a success, with a big thank you going to Barry Rugby Club for allowing us to hold it there. They would also like to thank everyone who has supported them this year.

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Rhoose retain Welsh Masters Championship in west Wales



ABOVE: 'We are the champions' say Rhoose Lifeguards.

A TEAM of 18 men and women from Rhoose Lifeguard Club took part in the Welsh Masters Championships at Whitesands, St. Davids on Saturday, July 16.

Despite challenging weather conditions and a very strong Penybont team, the Rhoose team, managed by Simon Parker, performed brilliantly to gain first place and retain the title of Welsh Masters Champions 2011, winning by just 17 points.

Medal winners were: Karen O'Donaghue-Harris – gold, 58+ Double Ski – gold, 40+ Surf Race – gold, 40+ Board Race – gold, 40+ Ski Race – gold, 40+ Ocean Lady – gold, 117+ Board Relay.

Liz Wong – gold, 58+ Double Ski – Silver, 40+ Surf Race – gold, 117+ Board Relay; Heddus Davies – silver, 87+ Beach Relay – silver, 30+ 1Km Run – gold, 117+ Board Relay

Bernadette Phipps – bronze, 40+ Sprints – gold, 87+ Beach Relay – bronze, 40+ Beach Flags; Melissa Downton – gold, 40+ Sprints – gold, 87+ Beach Relay – gold, 40+ Beach Flags – bronze, 40+ 1Km Run; Sarah Bryant – gold, 87+ Beach Relay – silver, 40+ Beach Flags; Sue Blake – silver, 87+ Beach Relay; Carol Miller – silver, 87+ Beach Relay – gold, 40+ 1Km Run.

Jon Foster – bronze, 87+ Beach Relay – silver, 30+ 1Km Run – bronze, 87+ Board Relay; Simon Parker – silver, 117+ Ski Relay – bronze, 40+ Ocean Man – bronze 117+ Board Relay; Paul Gardner – silver, 117+ Ski Relay – silver, 40+ Ski Race; Chris Braggins – bronze, 87+ Beach Relay.

Stuart Wong – bronze, 87+ Beach Relay – silver, 40+ Beach Flags – Bronze, 87+ Board Relay – bronze, 87+ Taplin Relay; Alan Wadey – bronze, 40+ 1Km Run – bronze, 117+ Board Relay; Philip Norton – bronze, 87+ Board Relay – Bronze 87+ Taplin Relay; Steve Edgerton – bronze, 98+ Double Ski – silver, 50+ 1Km Run.

Dave Cooper – bronze, 98+ Double Ski – silver, 117+ Ski Relay – silver, 50+ Surf Race – gold, 50+ Board Race – gold, 50+ Ocean Man – bronze, 117+ Board Relay – bronze, 87+ Taplin Relay.

Overall results were: 1st, Rhoose 1063.5 pts; 2nd, Penybont 1046.5 pts; 3rd Sker, 634 pts; 4th, Langland Bay 394.5 pts; 5th, Porthmawr 290 pts; 6th, Aberavon 182 pts; 7th, Midland 52 pts; 8th, Mumbles 10 pts.

Well done to all the competitors, thanks to their families for their support and to Louise, Emma and Elaine for helping out as nominated club officials.

A big thank you to the two IRB crews, who were kept very busy all day, also to SLSA Wales and Porthmawr Lifeguard Club for running the event and providing food and refreshments.

The junior and senior Welsh Championships take place on August 6-7, at Coney Beach, Porthcawl, and this fantastic win by the masters gives the club a great start to retaining the Ocean Wilkinson Sword. **SE**

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ABOVE: Cyclists at the start of Barratt's 10 in 10 charity ride

WHILE the world's top cyclists battle it out in the Tour de France, an intrepid bunch of cyclists were just as determined in their fundraising efforts in south Wales.

More than 25 members of staff and friends of Barratt South Wales battled wind, rain and finally brilliant sunshine to complete the 85 miles from Swansea to Caerwent – taking in 10 of the housebuilder's developments en route and raising more than £2,500.

Organised by Barratt's senior technical manager Mike Williams, the cyclists left Copper Quarter in Swansea in heavy rain on a route which included visiting developments in Sarn, Bettws and the finish point at Barratt's Castlemead development in Caerwent.

The cyclists were raising money for the 'Kids Out' charity, which aims to transform the lives of these children by providing fun, positive activities and experiences.

"The day was a huge success, with the cyclists proving a determined bunch who certainly didn't let the wind and rain affect their enthusiasm for the challenge," said Barratt sales director Adrian Bird.

"It was great to see so many of our staff, suppliers and contractors involved in what was an extremely tough day on the bikes.

" I think some will be taking a well earned rest from the saddle for the next few weeks."

Lifeguards teach pupils

TO tie in with Llantwit Major Comprehensive School's PSE (personal and social education) week, members of Rhoose Lifeguards and a representative of Surf Lifesaving Wales gave a talk and demonstration to local pupils in year-7 on sea and beach safety.

The children aged between 11 and 12 years were given a talk 'Sun Smart' on the importance of wearing sun block and suitable clothing, beach safety awareness, including identification of beach safety flags and notices, sea conditions including how to cope if caught in a rip current and the importance of going to and swimming on a Lifeguard patrolled beach.

After the talk, the children were able to view the lifeguard equipment and have a go on the craft.

Rhoose Lifeguards and SLSA Wales would like to thank the staff of the school for the opportunity to promote beach and sea awareness to the children prior to the summer holiday break.

If you would like to get involved in Lifeguards, please Google Rhoose Lifeguards or Surf Lifesaving Association of Wales or email chris@rhooselife-guards.co.uk.

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Barry Romilly 'A' win is one for record books

BARRY Romilly 'A' went to St Mellons to play their fifth league game of the season with hope, but not realistically expecting too much return from this game.

St Mellons play on an 'all weather' green and it is always difficult for the away team to get a foothold in the game in the early ends. This obviously is a great advantage for the home side.

Rink 2, skipped by Bryn Gough, were losing 16-5 at the break for tea on 10 ends. What was in the tea we will never know, but after the interval they won nine of the remaining 11 ends with scores of three 2s and a 3 and an impressive five shots on the 13th end to win the rink by three shots and a valuable two points; N Coles, A Gardiner, F Ball, P David (19) v K Wesgate, P Gershenson, A Jones, B Gough (22).

Rink 3, skipped by Vince McFarland, came up against the strongest four that St Mellons had to offer and were quickly many shots down. They found themselves losing 19-8 at the break for tea having dropped a 6 on the 11th end.

Try as they may they were being out bowled by the youngsters of St Mellons and on the 15th end were down 26-8. Noticing that the other rinks were doing well, it was decided that they should keep the deficit as low as possible to give the team a chance of victory.

With this thought in mind, they rallied to the cause and won five of the last six ends with totals of two 4s, a 3 and a 2 to keep the shot difference to only six shots, running out losers 28-22; A Jones, M Lester, D Turner, T Clark (28) v K Clements (captain), R Phillips, J Jones, V McFarland (22).

Rink 4, skipped by Alfie Woolcock, were doing well to keep in contention with the home players and never lost the lead they had set up.

At the interval they were two shots up with the score 10-8 in Romilly's favour. After the break, they extended their lead on each end, losing only a 2 on one of the remaining 11 ends to run out victors with a shot difference of 16 shots. This was again a valuable two points and gave great potential toward winning the game; R Ashman, G Jones, J Greenwood, D Tynor (captain) (10) v D Cameron, W James, R Hewittson, A Woolcock (26).

Rink 5, skipped by Bill Hewitt, went into a big lead in the first number of ends and were 12 -3 up at the sixth end.

The home side then rallied back and were level pegging on the 12th end at 13 shots each. However, the Romilly men would not be denied their victory and won six of the remaining nine ends with scores of two 2s, two 4s, a 3 and a 1 to win the rink by a shot difference of 12 shots. Another valuable two points; J Cummins, M Drane, G Condron, J Faux (17) v C Davies, A Burdge, D Bannister, W Hewitt (29).

As the final bowl was delivered, Barry Romilly had come out victors over St Mellons.

It was stated by their captain that they had not lost a league game on their own green for the last six years, so you can imagine the delight of the Romilly men in their victory taking a record of this stature and 12 valuable points in their quest for promotion to Division 3.

The final score was St Mellons 2 (74), Barry Romilly 'A' 12 (99). **VM**



This event is definitely my bag! See why on page 35.

Seaview Lads reel in the full array of fish!

FISHING is mixed at present, with a wide array of species being landed – albeit in small numbers. On the most recent week-end match fished by the Seaview Lads Angling Club, the entire spectrum of the fish cycle was present.

A decent sized Pouting was hooked by Roger Rockling, which in turn could have provided a meal for a reasonable sized eel hooked by Royston Harding.

Meanwhile, at the top of the food chain, our illustrious chair and resident comedian, the supersized Steve 'Bobo' Doble, hooked himself with a sizeable (4/0) hook!

Shame he couldn't weigh himself in – it would have been a new club record even on the Peterson scale!

Results: First, R Harding 10lb-4oz ; second, M Langford 5-3 third, A Gwyther 3-15; fourth, C McCinary 2-10; fifth P Coles 12oz; sixth, R Green 11oz (pouting).

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Barrivale Bridge Club's results

THE latest results from Barrivale are as follows:

July 5: First, Denis Mottram and Betty Lewis, 59.72 per cent; second, Joan Jenkins and Noelle Bond, 56.94; third, Jane Brook and Mick Green, 55.56.

Judith Owen and Helen Jordan won on handicap

July 12: First, Tim Barsby and Mick Green, 69.27; second, Betty Lewis and Mark Roderick, 59.38; third, Tom Kendrick and Dave Thomas, 55.73.

Tim and Mick also won on handicap

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BARRY ATHLETIC CRICKET ROUND-UP

The Stags win comfortably against Machen

BARRY Athletic First XI took centre stage when the Athletic Second XI's fixture against Brecon CC was cancelled. The Firsts secured a crushing 10-wicket win over league strugglers, Machen CC, at the Barry Oval.

Despite the midweek showers, massive credit goes to groundsman, Ian Gadd, for ensuring that a full match went ahead.

After winning the toss and choosing to bowl first, Barry never lost control of the match. Fantastic bowling spells from Peter Hellyar (3-19) and Steve Jones (2-16) got the Stags off to a great start and with no sort of batting response from the visitors, it was only a matter of time before the innings came to a close.

With spells from Jake Griffett (2-11) and Nathan Baker (2-27), alongside some fine displays from Gavin White and Ian Gadd, Machen were eventually bowled out for just 75 in 33.1 overs.

After the mid session interval, it was only a case of batting sensibly for the Stags in order to record their sixth win of the season.



RIM Motors player of the tournament, Sam, with his trophy and medal.

However, the home fans were treated to an aggressive style of batting from opening partnership, Lee Morgan and Gavin White. Both players showed their class to power the Stags to victory.

It only took 10.1 overs for Barry to reach their target of 76 and claim another 20 points and close the gap on the leaders. It now looks like a straight fight between Welsh Asians, Newbridge and Barry Athletic for promotion.

Lee Morgan finished on 40 not out, from just 42 balls and Gavin White finished on 23 not out from just 19 balls.

UNDER-9s STUMBLE ON HOME SOIL

BARRY Athletic under-9s were unable to make home advantage count, as they stumbled to defeats against Whitchurch-Heath, Cardiff B and Lisvane.

Despite the results, the Stag faithful were glad to see some youth cricket at their home turf.

Congratulations to Sam for receiving the RIM Motors player of the tournament.

CLUB NEWS

BACC would like to announce that anyone between the ages of 7 and 14 interested in playing youth cricket at Barry Athletic CC should either get in contact with a club member or come along to the regular training sessions.

Under-9s and under-13s train on Thursday evenings and under-11s train on Saturday afternoons.

The next club party will take place on July 30, after the Barry Athletic First XI v Welsh Asians CC match has concluded; the party is scheduled to commence at 8pm.

AB

Sully Centurions slump as they fail to chase down Caerphilly's runs

ON a day when the First, Second and Third XI matches were called off due to the weather, Sully Centurions' Fourth XI took centre stage when they played a reduced overs match at Caerphilly & Bedwas.

Unfortunately, by the end of the match they were probably wishing that this one had been rained off too.

After winning the toss and putting the home side in to bat, Centurions enjoyed a great start, as Reece Bennett dismissed opener Weston for 4. Josh Bryan picked up three wickets for 22 runs, including the dismissal of Bowles via a fantastic one-handed catch from Mark Burnett.

With Mark also taking a difficult low catch to dismiss Jones off the bowling of Nick Jones, and a direct hit run out by that man Josh Bryan, the Caerphilly side were reeling at 43 for 6 after just 16 overs.

However, this brought together skipper Petty (48 not out) and Prail (57 not out) who shared a magnificent century partnership to take the score along to 150 for 6 at the end of the allotted overs.

Although this was a fine display of batting, some wayward bowling late on, combined with some sloppy fielding and dropped catches didn't help Centurions' cause.

In reply, the Sully batsmen couldn't get to grips with the accurate opening bowling of Owen and Weston, who frustrated them into making some rash shots, and the wickets began to tumble.

It took 10 overs to get into double figures, by which time three wickets had been lost. Steve Morse (10) and Geoff Kingston (11) were the only Centurion batsmen to reach double figures and when Mark Burnett, clearly hampered by an injury, holed out to Bowles for the last wicket, Centurions had slumped to 60 all out.

A game that had started with great promise ended in a heavy defeat.

Caerphilly & Bedwas 150/6, Sully 60 all out.

MF

Agonising for the Athletic bowlers as they lose by a single point

BARRY Athletic's first team lost their unbeaten record in a close PG1 encounter at Pontyclun last Saturday.

The match was all square going into the last end with Glyn Thomas's rink holding two shots, but the home skip produced a winning shot with his last wood, giving Pontyclun a 74-73 win and 10 points.

At one stage, Athletic were poised for an overall win with Robert Horgan's rink coming in with a 29-25 score and Dean Rees's line-up again excelling with an 18-15 success.

Now the Athletic must shake off the disappointment of a rare defeat and prepare for the Carruthers crunch when they entertain Ystradfechan in the last 16 of the national competition on Saturday.

Scores: G Gane, P Webley, R Cowling, G Thomas 15-16; S McKernan, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 29-25; J Beanland, DK Williams, B Parrish, D Rees 18-15; D Snelling, K Harris, G Whittaker, C Blake 11-18.

The Athletic's PG2 team are still in the promotion hunt following a maximum 14 points win against Pontyclun at Barry Island last Saturday.

Paul Clarke's squad battled well on all four rinks to gain an 87-66 victory. There were impressive wins for Gareth Humphreys (26-19) and Billy Wright (23-16), while John Donovan (17-13) and Ivor Stevenson (21-18) were also successful.

It was the PG2 side's seventh win in nine league fixtures and they will be eager to maintain this form at Cardiff Sophia Gardens on Saturday.

Scores: J Ball, A Pidduck, L Stanley, G Humphreys 26-19; C Phillips, R James, G Jones, J Donovan 17-13; D Evans, P Clarke, M Vaughan, B Wright 23-16; A Thomas, D Coombs, A Mintern, I Stevenson 21-18.

The midweek team collected 12 points in their Munro Cup game at Penarth Belle Vue last Wednesday night, with John Donovan's rink of Alan Thomas, Paul Clarke and John Horgan taking top honours.

CP

Club's tennis summer camps

A TENNIS summer camp and weekly coaching lessons are being launched by Barry Tennis Club, for all grades of youngsters over five years old to get them started in tennis or develop their skills.

Weekly sessions start each Sunday from July 24 and the summer camp will run from August 2 to September 2, each Tuesday to Friday between 10am-1pm.

The sessions feature mini tennis for 6-10 year olds, providing a great introduction to tennis using smaller courts and rackets, along with softer balls.

Barry Tennis Club is part of Barry Athletic Club at Paget Road, on Barry Island.

To find out further details or obtain an application form for the training sessions and summer camp visit the club's website at *www.barrytennis.co.uk*

Last year, Barry Tennis Club enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever, with its men's team picking up the national Wales title and other teams winning regional prizes, as well as nurturing some of Wales' top young talent.

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AG

ROMILLY BOWLERS' RECORD-BREAKING ACHIEVEMENT!
Turn to page 43 to find out how Romilly A bowling team smashed a record six years in the making!

Guests welcomed to Brynhill Golf Club



ABOVE: Brynhill captain Steve Jones is pictured with guest Peter Edmunds on his right and member Chris Simms to his left.

'MEMBERS and guests' is always a popular day in the calendar at Brynhill Golf Club, and June 26 proved to be no exception.

In glorious sunshine, the captain Steve Jones welcomed members from Brynhill and their guests to the club, and a good day was had by all.

The scoring is always very good in these competitions, and once again, this proved to be the case. Some impressive cards were returned to the handicap committee, who did a sterling job in scrutinising and sorting out the winning scores.

On a day such as this, it is worth remembering what people do behind the scenes to enable these days to go without a hitch.

The captain thanked the bar staff for keeping everyone well-watered; the catering staff for ensuring no one went hungry; the green staff for presenting a wonderful course; Duncan Prior, the professional, for his assistance on the day and provision of some excellent prizes; and praised the ladies who worked the Gazebo Halfway House, ensuring all competitors were able to keep themselves hydrated.

IAN JONES

Cadoxton bowlers enjoy Munro Cup success

MURCH came to Cadoxton to play for the Colin Reynolds Cup as well as the Munro Cup fixture, hoping to emulate their success in the league earlier in the season.

During the opening ends it seemed as though they may accomplish this.

Against Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink Colin Garland led 10-0, before an unbeaten run of eight ends reversed the advantage to 16-10.

A single stopped the run, but this was followed by another three winning ends for Cadoxton, with a '2' against on the last.

Don Kuhnell came up against Roger Mauchline with youngster Connor Parsons providing excellent support as third.

They took a 7-0 lead, before a '4' brought Cadoxton back into the game.

Eventually after ten ends the score levelled at 10-10.

From then on the visitors took control and conceded just two more ends. One of which was a three on the final end to make the score respectable.

The rink skipped by Graham Brown against Colin Grant, scored an early '3' but after ten ends they trailed 7-10.

At this stage they turned on the power and surged to a 26-10 win which included four '3's and a '4' during the remaining eight ends.

The only good start was made when skips Howard Craven and Derek Davies met, although a '4' gave the visitors an early advantage the home side built a 9-4 lead after six ends.

By the 10th it was 13-7, and the gap was narrowed to 13-11, before 12 shots were collected in the next four ends to make an unassailable lead.

However two '3's against finished the match.

G Solomon, M Mathews, I Robertson, K Chedgzoy 21 –13 G Salvidge, C Lane, R Pemberton, C Garland; P Ellis, J Maidment, A Carpenter, D Kuhnell 14 - 18 D Poole, M Hughes, C Parsons, R Mauchline; T Bishop, L Adams, L Davies, G Brown 26 - 10 A Thomas, J Morton, G Jones, C Spillane; S Clarke, S Clements, G Davies, H Craven 25 - 17 B Marsh, L Grant, D Blainey, D Davies; Final score: 86 –58

Cadoxton A v Caerphilly Social — ML5

THE Cadoxton club side had a bye this week so a fair number turned up at the club to give support to the 'A' side.

However, they failed to win again at home and the latest disappointment was against Caerphilly Social, with just two points attained.

Maximum points were obtained in the opening game of the season but they are now perilously close to the relegation zone.

Roy Harding's rink was level on the fourth end at 4-4, but then a bad run took the score to 4-26, after 15 ends.

This included a '5 two '3's and a '4'.

The difference was reduced by just one in the final ends by scoring five against four.

The rinks skipped by John Stewart and Graham Garland both struggled to make any impression and went down with the same scores.

The only rink which had any success was skipped by Derek Brook and after being level after seven ends, they drew away steadily and never relinquished their advantage, throughout the remainder of the game, to win comfortably.

S Clements, G Solomon, J Sugden, R Harding; 9 - 30; J Stacey, B Knight, M Curtis, G Garland; 10 –25; G Powell, G Davies, H Craven, J Stewart,10 - 25; M Mathews, R Cole, I Robertson, D Brook, 22 –13; Final score: 51-93.

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